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There are 114.101 small molecule metabolites currently annotated in the Human Metabolome Database, which are highly connected amongst each other, with a few metabolites exhibiting an estimated number of more than 103 connections. Redundancy and plasticity are essential features of metabolic networks enabling cells to respond to fluctuating environments, presence of toxic molecules, or genetic perturbations like mutations. These system-level properties are inevitably linked to all aspects of biological systems ensuring cell viability by enabling processes like adaption and differentiation. To this end, the ability to interrogate molecular changes at omics level has opened new opportunities to study the cell at its different layers from the epigenome and transcriptome to its proteome and metabolome. In this thesis, I tackled the question how redundancy and plasticity shape adaptation in metabolic networks in evolutionary and disease contexts. I utilize a multi-omics approach to study comprehensively the metabolic state of a cell and its regulation at the transcriptional and proteomic level. One of the challenges with multi-omics approaches is the integration and interpretation of multi-layered data sets. To approach this challenge, I use genome scale metabolic models as a knowledge-based scaffold to overlay omics data and thereby to enable biological interpretation beyond statistical correlation. This integrative methodology has been applied to two different projects, namely the evolutionary adaptation towards a nutrient source in yeast and the metabolic adaptations following disease progression. For the latter, I also curated a current human genome-scale metabolic model and made it more suitable for flux predictions. In the yeast case study, I investigate the metabolic network adaptations enabling yeast to grow on an alternative carbon source - glycerol. I could show that network redundancy is one of the key features of fast adaptation of the yeast metabolic network to the new nutrient environment. Genomics, transcriptomics, proteomics, metabolomics and metabolic modeling together revealed a shift of the organism's redox-balance under glycerol consumption as a driving force of adaption, which can be linked to the causal mutation in the enzyme Kgd1. On the other hand, the limitations of metabolic network adaptation also became apparent since all evolved and adapted strains exhibited metabolic trade-offs in other environmental conditions than the adaptation niche. Either an impaired diauxic shift (as in the case of the glycerol mutant) or an increased sensitivity towards osmotic stress (caused by mutations in the HOG pathway) was coupled with efficient use of glycerol. In the second project, the molecular phenotype of regressed breast cancer cells was studied to identify what differentiates these cells from healthy breast tissue and to characterize the potential source of tumor recurrence. Using a breast cancer mouse model with inducible oncogenes, transcriptomics together with an extensive set of different types of metabolomics (targeted and untargeted metabolomics, lipidomics and fluxomics) could show that regressed cancer cells, albeit their apparently normal morphology, possess a highly altered molecular phenotype with an oncogenic memory. While in cancer redundancy and plasticity enable the adaptation towards a proliferative state, in regressed cells, on the contrary, prolonged oncogenic signaling leads to a loss of metabolic network regulation and the entering of an irreversible metabolic state. This state appears to be insensitive to adaptation mechanisms as transcripts and metabolites reciprocally enhance each other to maintain the tumor-like metabolic phenotype. In conclusion, this work demonstrates how genome scale metabolic models can help identifying functional mechanisms from complex and multi-layered omics data. Appropriate genome scale metabolic models combined with metabolite measurements have proven particularly useful in this context. The comprehensive understanding of all integrated aspects of a cell's physiology is a challenging endeavor and the results of this thesis might stimulate further research towards this goal.

Mehr als 114,101 verschiedene sogenannte „small molecule" Metabolite sind in der Metabolom Datenbank annotiert. Diese Metabolite korrelieren stark miteinander, einige besitzen dabei mehr als 103 Verbindungen zu anderen Metaboliten. Redundanz und Plastizität sind entscheidende Merkmale von metabolischen Netzwerken damit sich Zellen auf eine sich verändernde Umwelt, die Anwesenheit von toxischen Molekülen oder genetische Störungen anpassen können. Diese komplexen Eigenschaften sind verbunden mit allen Aspekten eines biologischen Systems um das überleben der Zellen durch Prozesse wie Adaption oder Differenzierung zu sichern. Die Fähigkeit Veränderungen in Zellen auf ihren verschiedenen Ebenen, von Epigenom, Transkriptom über Proteom und Metabolom, auf molekularer Ebene durch „omics" Daten zu erfassen hat hierbei neue Möglichkeiten eröffnet. In dieser Arbeit habe ich mich mit der Frage auseinandergesetzt, wie Redundanz und Plastizität die Anpassung von metabolischen Netzwerken im Kontext der Evolution oder Erkrankung beeinflussen. Mithilfe eines „multiomic" Ansatzes habe ich umfassend den metabolischen Status einer Zelle und ihrer Regulation auf Transkriptions- und Proteom-Ebene analysiert. Eine der Schwierigkeiten bei „multi-omics" Ansätzen ist die Integration und Interpretation von vielschichtigen Datensätzen. Um dies zu bewältigen habe ich genomweite metabolische Modelle verwendet, die ein wissensbasiertes Gerüst für die Integration von „omics" bieten und dadurch eine biologische Interpretation über die statistische Korrelation hinaus zu ermöglichen. Diese Methodik wurde auf zwei unabhängige Projekte angewendet: 1) die evolutionäre Anpassung an eine Nahrungsquelle in Hefe und 2) die metabolische Anpassung bei fortschreitender Erkrankung. Für das letztere Project habe ich ein genomweites metabolisches Modell der menschlichen Zelle für die verbesserte Nutzung von metabolischen Fluxen überarbeitet. , iso dass es besser geeignet. In der Hefe-Studie wurde die Anpassung des metabolischen Netzwerks von Hefezellen an eine alternative Kohlenstoffquelle Glycerol - untersucht. Ich konnte zeigen, dass Netzwerk Redundanz eines der Schlüsselmerkmale der schnell adaptierenden Hefezellen auf die Umweltveränderung ist. Untersuchungen auf genomischer, transkriptomischer, proteomischer und metabolomischer Ebene zusammen mit metabolischem Modeling zeigten eine Verschiebung des Redox-Gleichgewichts in der Zelle unter Wachstum mit Glycerol als treibende Kraft der Adaption, welche verbunden war mit der Mutation des Enzyms Kgd1. In dieser Analyse konnten die Einschränkungen der metabolischen Netzwerkadaption gezeigt werden, da alle evolvierten und adaptierten Hefe-Stämme metabolische Ausgleiche in anderen Umweltbedingungen als in der Adaptionsnische aufzeigten. Entweder die Unfähigkeit den „diauxic shifts" durchzuführen (im Falle des Glycerol Mutanten) oder eine erhöhte Sensitivität in Richtung des osmotischen Stresses (ausgelöst durch Mutationen im HOG-Signalweg) waren gekoppelt an die effiziente Nutzung von Glycerol in der Hefe-Zelle. Im zweiten Projekt wurde der molekulare Phänotyp von regredierenden Brustkrebszellen analysiert um die Unterschiede dieser Zelle zum gesunden Brustgewebe und eine potentielle Quelle für Tumorrezidive zu identifizieren. In einem Mausmodell für Brustkrebs mit induzierbaren Onkogenen wurde mithilfe von Transkriptom- und Metabolom-Analysen (gerichtete und ungerichtete Metabolomics, Lipidomics und Fluxomics) gezeigt, dass regredierte Krebszellen, obwohl ihre Morphologie normal erschien, einen stark veränderten Phänotyp mit onkogenem Gedächtnis aufwiesen. Während Redundanz und Plastizität in der Krebszelle die Adaption an eine erhöhte Proliferation ermöglichen, führte in regredierten Zellen eine Fortführung der onkogenen Signalgebung zu einem Verlust der metabolischen Netzwerkregulation und dem Eintritt in einen irreversiblen metabolischen Status. Dieser Status erschien unveränderlich durch Adaptionsmechanismen da sich Transkripte und Metabolite gegenseitig erhöhen und so dazu beitragen den Tumor-ähnlichen Phänotyp zu erhalten. Zusammenfassend hat diese Arbeit gezeigt wie genomweite metabolische Modelle angewendet werden können um funktionelle Mechanismen
in komplexen und vielschichtigen „omics" Daten zu identifizieren. Passende Modelle zusammen mit Metabolitmessungen haben sich als besonders geeignet in diesem Zusammenhang erwiesen. Das umfangreiche Verständnis aller integrierten Prozesse in der Physiologie der Zelle ist ein komplexes Unterfangen und die Ergebnisse dieser Arbeit regen hoffentlich weitere Forschung zum Erreichen dieses Ziels an.

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INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Redundancy and plasticity in metabolic networks

Redundancy and plasticity are key features of metabolic networks, which equip an organism with an enhanced robustness towards fluctuating environments or the loss of components of this network (e.g. through mutations in enzyme coding genes) and thus, ensure the cells viability [65]. The characteristics of plasticity and redundancy have often been studied in the context of synthetic lethal pairs [60] [67] [65] and are depicted in Figure 1.1. In this context functional plasticity is defined as the ability to reorganize metabolic fluxes after a loss of a reaction while the environmental conditions remain stable. Functional redundancy, on the contrary, is defined as the simultaneous flux of compensatory reactions in a stable environment [65].


Figure 1.1. Schematic representation of plasticity and redundancy in metabolic networks. Metabolites are represented by circles and reactions by squares. Colored reactions with black arrows represent active reactions, whereas grey discontinuous lines are used for inactive reactions and metabolites and black for knockouts of reactions. The biomass production reaction is represented as a larger square with an associated flux vg. When it turns to inactive, meaning that it has no associated flux, the organism is not able to grow. (a) Illustration of metabolic network plasticity (reaction 2 active and reaction 3 inactive). Reaction 2 and 4 show metabolic plasticity when (b) Illustration of metabolic network redundancy (both reactions 2 and 3 active). (c) Final configuration after knockout of reaction 2 in (a) or (b). (d) Final configuration after knockout of reaction 3 in (a) or (b). In both cases (c) and (d) the organism is still able to grow due to the basic features of redundancy and plasticity in the network. (e) The simultaneous knockout of reaction 2 and 3 in (a) or (b) leads to a loss of viability. (f) Different possible organization of genes, enzymes and reactions enabling plasticity or redundancy. This figure and the text in this legend have been reproduced from Güell et al. (2014) with permission [65].

### 1.2. CONSTRAINT-BASED MODELING ON GENOME SCALE PROVIDES A FRAMEWORK TO PREDICT BIOLOGICAL CAPABILITIES

The structure of metabolic networks in prokaryotes and eukaryotes has been estimated to possess a high degree of redundancy and plasticity compared to random networks [60]. This is further illustrated by the generally low number of essential genes [163] [62] [94] [194]. However the extent of both, plasticity and redundancy, might depend on the environmental conditions [60] [67]. Furthermore, it has been shown that metabolic key reactions possess a higher redundancy than expected by random or than seen in less important reactions [60].

### 1.2 Constraint-based modeling on genome scale provides a framework to predict biological capabilities

The prediction of a biological phenotype has been a long desired outstanding goal, e.g. the inference of a morphological phenotype from its genetic make-up. In regard to the metabolic status of a cell this goal has come closer than in other areas of biology. Metabolism is constituted of biochemical reactions assembled in a complex network (Figure 1.2a). Genome scale metabolic models build a knowledge-based reconstruction of the entirety of these reactions known from an organism, which is assembled in a mathematical matrix (O’Brian 2015). The mathematical matrix is an abstract representation of the reactions in the form of stoichiometric coefficients of its participating metabolites and allows the calculation of flux distributions in the network (Figure 1.2b). In this matrix, negative values indicate consumed metabolites whereas positive values indicate produced metabolites and the fluxes are calculated under the steady state assumption that all metabolites that are produced in the network have to be consumed in a mass balanced manner [133]. One special reaction in the model constitutes the biomass reaction that formulates the metabolic demands of a cell under growth (e.g. ATP, amino acids, nucleotides). These cellular requirements for growth are imposed on the model in the form of a biomass objective function (Figure 1.2d). The representation of the mathematical matrix maintains the genetic basis of an organism as well as the physiochemical laws of its environment by imposing constraints. The imposition of physiochemical constraints to limit the computable phenotypes is a fundamental concept of Constraint-based modeling and analysis (COBRA) approaches [102]. With these constraints the principally indefinite number of solutions shrink to a so called "solution space", which limits the solutions to biologically feasible regions (Figure 1.2c). With linear programing a flux distribution that maximizes or minimizes the objective function within the solution space is identified (Figure 1.2e) [20]. Metabolic modeling approaches can be improved by improving the imposed constraints to more physiologically relevant or by extending the mathematical structure to regulatory elements acting on metabolism and including gene-regulatory information [190].


Figure 1.2. Fundamentals of genome-scale metabolic modeling. The constraint-based reconstruction and anaylsis (COBRA) approach is based on three primary fundamental concepts: network constraints (parts a-c), objective functions (part d) and the association of reactions with the genome (a) A complex mixture of molecules (red) can react to yield end products (blue). In the model, metabolites enter the system through boundary pseudo reactions. (b) The stoichiometry of this reaction network is described mathematically in a stoichiometric matrix, with each column representing the stoichiometry of a reaction. Negative and positive values represent reactants and products, respectively. Reaction flux is limited by thermodynamics and catalytic capacities described by upper and lower bounds on the flux for each reaction. $\mathrm{Vm}=$ velocity of the forward enzyme-catalyzed reactions, $\mathrm{Vm}, \mathrm{r}=$ velocity of the forward and reverse enzyme-catalyzed reactions. (c) Reaction constraints result in a 'solution space' that contains all feasible flux distributions. Additional constraints reduce the space of feasible flux distributions as shown in the pink line. (d) The biomass objective function describes an evolutionary pressure for growth, and describes the metabolic demands for the basic metabolite building blocks for all cellular components. (e) Linear programing is used to identify a flux distribution that maximizes or minimizes the objective function within the space of allowable fluxes (green region) defined by the constraints imposed by the mass balance equations and reaction bounds. The thick brown arrow indicates the direction of increasing objective function (Z). As the optimal solution point lies as far in this direction as possible, the thin brown arrows depict the process of linear programming, which identifies an optimal point at an edge or corner of the solution space. This figure and the text in this legend have been adapted from Lewis et al. (2012) [102] and Orth et al. (2010) [133].

### 1.3 Omics data integration with genome-scale models of metabolism

The development of new technologies permitting the probing of an organism at various cellular layers (genome, transcriptome, proteome, metabolome) at high throughput have enable us to study the physiology of cells in health and disease in greater depth [68]. The cellular layers are highly connected and the inherent complexity of biological systems manifests itself in multiple layers of regulation (Figure 1.3).


Figure 1.3. Overview of the different layers of a cells physiology and the corresponding omics technologies for measurement. Although classically perceived as a linear path, all different layers of a cell's physiology are interconnected. Each layer possesses various modifications, from which only the most commonly studied ones are depicted. Additionally the omics technology with which the respective layer of the cell can be measured is specified.

To address the challenge of integrating these complex omics data sets two main approaches have emerged, a statistical approach analyzing commonalities amongst the data sets and a modeling approach, using first principle models as a scaffold for interpretation [68] [8] [77] (Vivek-Ananth) [89] [131]. Analyzing the data by statistical means (e.g. correlations) is a statistical approach for omics convergence. However, confounders as well as a non-linearity of the regulation make it difficult to trace back a phenotype to its genomic origin it. Contrasting the trends of different omics layers with modeling approaches can offer a systematic way of addressing this difficulty. Metabolic models are particularly well suited for this task due to their comprehensiveness and the key role metabolism plays in various biological processes. Furthermore, metabolomics constitute a specific characteristic amongst the different types of omics in terms of their interpretability. Changes in metabolite abundances do not reveal anything about the underlying flux changes. Fluxomics would offer a better approach in this regard, but are often not available, because they are technically challenging and also not so suitable for the assessment of pathways outside central carbon metabolism. Instead, metabolic modeling can help tunneling the most probable effect of metabolite concentration changes by limiting the degrees of freedom in the metabolic network. Figure 1.4 summarizes the three main approaches by which constraint based metabolic modeling can be utilized for omics data integration. All three mentioned approaches have been utilized within the different projects of this thesis. These examples illustrate how omics data integrated with genome-scale metabolic models can not only explain complex gene expression dynamics but also help in predicting metabolic phenotype changes for experimental validation or for intervention.


Figure 1.4. The multiple uses of high-throughput data in constraint-based models. Constraint-based modeling can be used to interpret and augment omics data sets by using an underlying cellular network that has been biochemically validated. Metabolites are represented by circles. (a) Similarly to pathway enrichment analysis and interaction networks, high-throughput data can be integrated with the metabolic network topology to determine enriched regions and even significantly perturbed metabolites (b) Omics data add an additional layer of constraints for reaction fluxes. Expression data can be integrated to determine context-specific flux distributions (pathway shown in red), which increases the fidelity of the data (represented as bars) as well as the accuracy of flux predictions (upper panel). In addition, omics data can be used to build cell- and tissue-specific models of human metabolism by removing unexpressed reactions (shown as uncolored reactions) from the global human metabolic network (lower panel). Differences in these networks can be exploited to learn unique features of each network. (c) Constraintbased analysis predictions can be compared and validated against fluxomics data. This figure and the text in the legend have been reproduced from Bordbar et al. (2014) with permission [20]

### 1.4 Thesis outline

In this thesis two contexts of metabolic network adaptability are being analyzed. In Chapter 1, I introduce the general characteristics of metabolic networks, genome scale metabolic modeling as a tool to study metabolic network fluxes and different approaches to use models for the integration of multi-omics data. The first project (Chapter 2) on glycerol adaptation in yeast was initiated in collaboration with Dr. Tomas Strucko, currently at the Technical University of Denmark (DTU). The question on what enables yeast to grow on glycerol as the sole carbon source, is tackled with an evolutionary approach. The genomic basis of the adaptive solution of yeast after evolution to utilize glycerol is revealed by a combined approach of classical yeast engineering, omics data analysis and genome scale metabolic modeling. My contribution to this project is to find genomic determinants of this adaptation and to assess these alterations functionally with a comprehensive study of re-engineered cells harboring these mutations at the different levels of genes, transcripts, proteins and metabolites. The second project (Chapter 4) is conducted together with the group of Dr. Martin Jechlinger from the EMBL Heidelberg, who developed an inducible breast cancer mouse model. This mouse model is used to study minimal residual disease in an aggressive form of breast cancer with a high rate of recurrence. I specifically investigate the molecular phenotype of regressed cells in comparison to their healthy counterparts by analyzing and integrating their transcriptional and metabolic alterations. For the integration I make specifically use of a hybrid approach of genome scale metabolic modeling tailored by transcriptional data to predict fluxes in the context of the observed metabolic alterations. Therefore, I curate in Chapter 3 a currently available genome scale metabolic model to be more suitable for flux analysis. In Chapter 5, I conclude the implications of my findings in the context of adaptation and how general features of metabolic networks such as redundancy and plasticity shape adaptation in the context of evolution and disease.


GENETIC ADAPTATION TO CHANGES IN CARBON SOURCE

## Summary

In this part I investigate the ability of an "isolated" metabolic network of a unicellular eukaryotic organism to adapt towards varying nutritional environments, specifically changes in C-sources. This case study reveals genetic determinants underlying glycerol catabolism and the associated fitness trade-offs. Mechanistically, the redox balance is shown as a core driving force on the rewiring of metabolic network and C-source usability. The study demonstrates the flexibility and complexity of the metabolic phenotype towards external stimuli and addresses the still largely undiscovered genotype-phenotype linkage in metabolic network regulation. The project further exemplifies how metabolic modeling can provide a knowledge-based scaffold and help interpreting multi-layered data, viz., the genome sequence, transcripts, proteins and metabolites, and thereby connect the evolved genotype to the observed phenotype. Metabolic modeling thus contributes to the field of large-scale data integration by providing a novel and comprehensive analytical approach aiming at mechanistic understanding of the genotype-phenotype relation at the level of metabolism.

[^0]S. cerevisiae



Figure 2.1. Glycerol catabolism pathway of S . cerevisiae. STL1 - glycerol/ $\mathrm{H}^{+}$symporter, FPS1 - aquaglyceroporin, GUT1 - glycerol kinase, GUT2 - FAD ${ }^{+}$-dependent glycerol 3-phosphate dehydrogenase, DHAP - dihydroxyacetone phosphate. This figure and the text in this legend have been reproduced from Strucko et al. (2018) with permission [178].

### 2.1 Introduction

### 2.1.1 Most Saccharomyces cerevisiae strains lack the ability to grow on glycerol as the sole C-source

The natural capability of yeast to utilize glycerol as the sole carbon source varies greatly between different species as well as strains within the same species [181] [92]. Considering that glycerol is a ubiquitous organic compound in nature, this is somewhat surprising, especially for natural isolates, but may be related to an evolutionary trade-off between glycerol consumption and strong Crabtree driven sugar consumption [92]. The spectrum of glycerol utilization ranges from almost comparable growth rates to glucose to very poorly or no growth at all, as in the case of most laboratory strains of the model yeast Saccharomyces cerevisiae [181] [120] [92]. However, even the non-growing S. cerevisiae contain the necessary genes for glycerol catabolism, namely STL1, FPS1, GUT1 and GUT2, and thus should in principle be able to uptake and metabolize glycerol (Figure 2-1) [92]. In parts, the differences in growth rate levels could be attributed to varying efficiencies in glycerol uptake owing to the expression of different transport systems [59] [92] [98]. But even under efficient glycerol uptake the catabolism efficiency of glycerol varies greatly between different yeasts. Even more intriguing from a regulatory network point of view is the fact that if supplemented with amino acids, all $S$. cerevisiae stains are able to grow on glycerol, even if somewhat slowly [181].

Several mutations have been identified to either facilitate or enable growth on glycerol, such as the combination of mutations in the genes GUT1 ${ }^{1}$, UBR2 and SSK1 by Swinnen [181] or only $U B R 2$ and GUT1 by Ho [74]. Different GUT1 alleles have shown to possess higher enzymatic activities and thereby influencing the observed growth rate. However, except for the obvious mutation in the gene GUT1, coding for a glycerol transporter, all of the identified mutations so far lacked functional or mechanistic insights.

### 2.1.2 Adaptive laboratory evolution leads to novel traits as a result of natural selection

The process of adaptation to a given selection pressure can be systematically studied in laboratory settings in the form of adaptive laboratory evolution (ALE) experiments. ALE is an experimental procedure in which an evolutionary pressure is selectively applied to a population of cells or organisms to develop a certain trait of interest. The selective pressure is exerted via the environment to which the population is subjected to for a prolonged time. During the course of the experiment, mutations randomly arise and are fixed in the population by natural selection in case they are beneficial. Over time, a new population with different traits and an overall increased fitness evolves. ALE experiments are typically performed with microorganisms since they are easy to cultivate, have large population sizes, small genome sizes and are possessing short generation times [96] [97] [122].
Applications of this approach are very broad and include industrial and basic science applications. In the industrial sector, ALE helps, for example, to achieve untargeted strain design/optimization for biotechnological goals such as heterologous protein and compound production, product formation, substrate utilization, stress resistance and growth temperature or inhibitor tolerance [157] [156] [25] [95] [75] [26] [164] [155] [10]. ALE is particularly useful in areas where genetic manipulation is either forbidden ${ }^{2}$ or where rational design becomes difficult because of a lack of mechanistic and functional understanding of the genetic determinents [96] [195] [148]. ALE has also proven to be a powerful method in research contexts to increase scientific understanding of the basic mechanisms of molecular evolution [40], the dynamics of the evolutionary processes [122] or the adaptive changes during perturbations occurring from a reference state to another [183] [30]. The latter helps answering questions of complex genotype-phenotype linkages, such as antibiotic resistances, including the complexity of the regulatory circuits of a system or deciphering the entirety of the physiological response [82] [27].
Of paramount importance for an ALE experiment to be applied successfully is the choice of the environmental conditions imposing an evolutionary selection pressure on the organisms, such that the desired trait gets selected for [96]. In microbial laboratory evolution, this typically requires

[^1]coupling the desired trait with growth ${ }^{3}$, which is not always trivial and might not be achievable for all traits [195]. Several attempts have been made to define the environment exhibiting the right evolutionary pressure in a more rational and systematic manner. For instance, the EvolveX algorithm developed by Jouhten et al., makes use of the yeast genome scale metabolic model to predict the right evolution media to evolve the over production of a certain metabolite [140]. To circumvent the limitation of growth coupling of a desired trait to become targetable by ALE, Jouhten P. developed the idea of the phenoSwitch algorithm in which the original evolution niche gets separated from the final target niche [140]. In that way an organism is first evolved in a predicted growth-coupled evolution environment, in which the flux distributions evolve in such a way that once the organism gets moved to the target environment, the desired trait, which doesn't have to be growth coupled at that point, is necessarily exploited. This approach is specifically useful for short-term applications, in which the evolved organism's trait doesn't need to be stable over evolutionary relevant time, such as e.g. food batch production.
Other important variables that influence the type, diversity, variability and possibly trade-offs of the phenotypic adaptation of the evolution experiment include the strength and the alterations of the selection pressure ${ }^{4}$, the population size, the passage size ${ }^{5}$, the mutation rate and finally the time scale of the evolution experiment, which in turn also depends on the previous parameters [195] [97] [40]. In regards to the length of the ALE experiment it is important to note that the fitness increase as a function of the total number of generations passed is not linear and is usually fastest at the beginning of the experiment [40]. The mutation rate can be enhanced via, e.g., chemical mutagens, using mutants deficient in DNA repair or utilizing transposon-based mutagenesis. A higher mutation rate increases the genetic diversity within the evolving population and the adaptation can be accelerated [195] [40]. Clearly, higher mutation rates can only be beneficial to a certain extent as it also results in a higher genetic load, which can lead to undesired side-effects such as decreased stress resistance or a loss of viability [40]. Another strategy to shorten the adaptation time or to push it in a predetermined direction is to start the culture from a library of mutants [122]. Depending on the choice of all the parameters in an ALE experiment, complex population structures may arise resulting from clonal interference where multiple lineages with different independent beneficial mutations are coexisting in a population and are competing for fixation [195] [122] [40]. But depending on the time point when the ALE experiment is stopped, some of the adaptive mutations present earlier in evolution also might already been lost [195].

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Figure 2.2. Methods used for studying microbial evolution in vivo. The most common techniques used to maintain control over environmental conditions and microbial growth rates for prolonged times are: (a) serial passages and (b) chemostat cultivations. In a chemostat it is possible to continuously monitor and control the growth conditions at a desired level; however, this approach requires a complex experimental setup. When a large number of strains need to be evolved in parallel, serial passages are frequently used to increase the feasibility of an experiment. In the latter case, microbial cultures are periodically diluted with fresh media to limit the microbial concentration and supply the growing populations with new nutrients. Inevitably, some of the environmental parameters fluctuate between the passages (e.g. the nutrient concentration and pH ) but other parameters like the temperature and oxygen concentration can be kept constant. Figure and figure legend have been reproduced from Mozhayskiy \& Tagkopoulos (2013) with permission [122].

On the technical front, there are two basic methods of ALE experiments, serial batch cultures and continuous chemostats cultivation. Both types of cultivation methods differ in handling and their capabilities to constitute the environment. This imposes different characteristics on some of the above-mentioned parameters, such as the type and alteration of the selection pressure [122] [195]. In batch cultures, the cells are typically grown in shake flasks or multi-well plates and propagated to a subsequent batch culture once they reach a certain OD or growth phase (Figure 2-2a) [40]. Batch cultures have the advantage of being relatively easy to set up and carry out, but the environmental conditions, population densities, nutrient supply and growth rates or growth phases fluctuate along the experimental course. This creates a more complex selection pressure and thus a more complex fitness landscape, which might lead to a conflicting phenotypic outcome [96] [40] [122]. An extreme example of this is the case when cells are only passaged after they
have reached the stationary phase [97]. There not only the growth rate but also the ability to maintain viability and restart growth after stationary phase contribute to the fitness.
Furthermore, batch cultures are more susceptible to genetic drift since random sampling during the transfers imposes bottlenecks on the developed mutations to be carried over [195] [122]. The passage size is therefore a crucial parameter in batch cultures, determining the variability and rate of evolution [96] [122]. Recent attempts have been made to model and predict the optimal passage size for a given experiment [96].
In contrast to the batch cultivation, chemostats are continuous culture systems that do not require transfers and can allow for a more precise control with minimal fluctuation of the environmental conditions, growth rate and population densities (Figure 2-2b). They can therefore selectively apply one defined selection pressure, as for example keeping the cells always in exponential growth phase, which would make fitness equivalent with growth rate [96] [195] [40]. Thus, homogeneous populations are more frequently observed in chemostats than in serial passages [32]. On the negative side, the cells evolved in chemostats may lose other traits such as tolerance to pH or osmotic stress that are important for industrial application.

### 2.1.3 An integrated approach of reverse engineering, multi-omics analysis and metabolic modeling to mechanistically understand adaptation to glycerol

To functionally understand the basis of glycerol catabolism in yeast, we first performed parallel ALE experiments using the $S$. cerevisiae CEN.PK113-7D strain to evolve the ability to use glycerol as the sole carbon source in minimal media (Figure 2-3a). Given the genetic existence of a glycerol catabolism pathway in yeast, ALE experiments are particularly suited for evolving yeasts to efficiently grow on glycerol. Previous studies have already demonstrated that S. cerevisiae strains could acquire the ability to utilize glycerol in minimal media by using ALE. Using serial batch cultivations growth rates $\mu_{\text {max }}$ of about $0.2 \mathrm{~h}-1$ were reached [120] [74]. However, none of the studies mechanistically linked the evolved phenotype to its genetic determinants explained the underlying mechanisms of the evolved phenotype and its genetic determinants.


Figure 2.3. Outline of the experimental approach to understand the metabolic phenotype under glycerol consumption in yeast. (a) Laboratory adaptive evolution of S. cerevisiae for growth on glycerol combined with phenotypic screening and sequencing. (b) Workflow for genomic strain analysis and identification of the causal mutations. Re-engineering with CRISPR/Cas9. This figure and the text in this legend have been adapted from Strucko et al. (2018) [178].

In addition to the wild-type (WT) strain, a second strain having a NADH oxidase introduced NOX gene from Streptococcus pneumoniae encoding for cytosolic water forming NADH oxidase NOX was used for evolution. The NOX mutant was chosen as it was previously hypothesized that unbalanced levels of intracellular NADH hamper glycerol catabolism in minimal media [120]. The evolutionary selection pressure was exerted by growing the strains on $1 \%$ glycerol and gradually decreasing the supplementation of amino acids ${ }^{6}$. The evolution experiments were conducted in two modes, which resulted in slightly different evolutionary pressures by having the transfer at different growth phases: mode-I, short-term ${ }^{7}$, and mode-II, long-term ${ }^{8}$. In mode-I, two NOX based replicates were used, whereas in mode-II five parallel lineages of each WT and NOX were evolved. Phenotypic characterization under different conditions was performed to review the evolved glycerol growth phenotypes and identify potential trade-offs. As it is generally observed that adaptation rates are highest in the early stages [196] [16], we also characterized the intermediate lineages from mode-I. Subsequently whole genome sequencing of the parental strains, all final evolved lineages as well as intermediate lineages from mode-I was performed to identify genetic changes that were introduced in the final population during the course of the ALE experiment (Figure 2-3a).
Determining the genetic changes that enable the fitness increase amongst the multiple mutations that evolved strains harbor can be a time-consuming and complex process. We used two strategies to facilitate the discovery process: i) comparing mutations of the evolved strains/lineages with

[^3]those of the parental strains, and ii) identifying gene regions or pathways in which mutations occur more frequently across the independent replicate experiments. Furthermore, to narrow down on a set of causal mutations underlying a glycerol growth phenotype, a strain isolate of one of the successfully evolved endpoint lineages was crossed back with a wild type strain until the number of mutations were substantially reduced while still retaining the parental growth phenotype on glycerol (Figure 2-3b). The selected remaining candidate mutations ${ }^{9}$ were then reengineered one by one into the WT strain. Finally, to understand the functional relationships between the identified mutations and the metabolic phenotype as well as to gain mechanistic insights into the metabolic pathway regulation under glycerol, the functional impact of the mutations was analyzed with an integrated approach of transcriptomics, proteomics and metabolomics profiling and genome-scale constrained based modeling.

### 2.2 Materials and Methods

Material and methods have been published in [178]. The text has been adapted from the publication.

### 2.2.1 Strains and cultivation media

Escherichia coli DH5 $\alpha$ strain was used for maintenance and amplification of cloned plasmids, and was propagated in 2xYT medium (Sigma) supplemented with $100 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ of Ampicillin (Sigma). S. cerevisiae strains used in this study were prototrophic laboratory haploid strains CEN.PK113-1A and CEN.PK113-7D, and industrially relevant diploid strains L. 1528 and CLIB382 (Table A.2). For maintenance and genetic transformation of yeast strains a yeast extract peptone dextrose (YPD) medium containing $10 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L}$ of yeast extract, $20 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L}$ of peptone and $20 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L}$ of glucose was used. Solid YPD medium was prepared by addition of $20 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L}$ of agar prior autoclavation. For selection of yeast strains with dominant markers NatMX, KanMX or HphMX, YPD medium was supplemented (after autoclavation) by $100 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ of nourseothricin (ClonNat, Werner BioAgents), $200 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ of G418 disulfate salt (Sigma) or $200 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ hygromycin B (Sigma), respectively. For high osmotic stress sensitivity assays, the YPD medium was supplemented with potassium chloride to a final concentration of $0.5 \mathrm{moles} / \mathrm{L}$. Plates with sporulation (SPO) medium were prepared as described elsewhere [172].
Adaptive laboratory evolution and strain characterization was done in a well-defined mineral (M) media described by [189] containing $5 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L}$ (NH4)2SO4, $3 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L} \mathrm{KH2PO4} ,0.75 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L} \mathrm{Mg} 2 \mathrm{SO} 4,1.5$ $\mathrm{mL} / \mathrm{L}$ trace metal solution and $1.5 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{L}$ vitamins solution. The composition of the trace metal solution is $3 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L} \mathrm{FeSO} 4.7 \mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{O}, 4.5 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L} \mathrm{ZnSO} 4.7 \mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{O}, 4.5 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L} \mathrm{CaCl} 2.6 \mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{O}, 0.84 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L} \mathrm{MnCl} 2.2 \mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{O}$, $0.3 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L} \mathrm{CoCl2.6H2O}, 0.3 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L} \mathrm{CuSO} 4.5 \mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{O}, 0.4 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L} \mathrm{NaMoO} 4.2 \mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{O}, 1 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L} \mathrm{H} 3 \mathrm{BO} 3,0.1 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L} \mathrm{KI}$ and $15 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L} \mathrm{Na} 2 \mathrm{EDTA} .2 \mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{O}$. The vitamin solution includes $50 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ d-biotin, $200 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ para-amino

[^4]benzoic acid, $1.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L}$ nicotinic acid, $1.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L}$ Ca-pantothenate, $1.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L}$ pyridoxine- $\mathrm{HCl}, 1.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L}$ thiamine -HCl and $25 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ minositol. The carbon source in the M medium was either $10 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{L}$ of glycerol or $30 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L}$ of glucose resulting in MG or MD media, respectively. The pH was adjusted with $\mathrm{KOH} / \mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{SO} 4$ to 4.2 for the MG and to 6.5 for the MD medium. For the initial stage of the adaptive laboratory evolution MG medium was additionally supplemented with $1.92 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L}$ of Y1501 amino acid mix (Sigma) and was denoted as MG+ medium. For small-scale cultivations, the media was filter-sterilized by a bottle-top ( $0.45 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ pore size) filter (VWR). For the 1 L batch fermentation experiments medium was heat-sterilized, sterile vitamin solution and glycerol were added after medium cooled down to $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

### 2.2.2 Molecular cloning

All DNA fragments that constituted genetic elements ${ }^{10}$ or plasmids backbone sequences were amplified by PCR using PfuX7 [127] polymerase with specific primers (Table A.1). The TEF1 promoter sequence was amplified from the pSP-GM1 [139] plasmid, and the NOX gene from genomic DNA (gDNA) of Streptococcus pneumoniae SV1. Integrative plasmid pTS1 targeting the specific chromosomal site X-3 (described earlier [121]) was assembled by the uracil-specfic excision reagent (USER ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ following well established protocols [61]. Specifically, the TEF1 promoter and the NOX was USER-cloned into AsiSI/Nb.BsmI linearized pCfB2223 ([176]) plasmid backbone resulting in pTS1. The construction of plasmids harboring single guide RNAs (gRNAs) expression cassette targeting specific genetic loci were constructed as follows. Unique linear fragments were obtained by PCR amplifying the pCfB2311 ([176]) plasmid backbone with the generic 5phosphorylated primer (TS109) in combination with the specific primer for each genetic target (Table A.1). Thereafter, each fragment was independently circularized via blunt end ligation by T4 ligase (Thermo Fisher Scientific) according to the manufacturer's recommendations. The construction of pTS83 vector encoding three gRNAs cassettes was assembled by USER-cloning as described previously [81]. In short, three gRNA cassettes targeting GUT1, UBC13 and KGD1 loci were independently amplified from plasmids pTS53, pTS56 and pTS70, respectively. Subsequently, the resulting PCR fragments were USER cloned into AsiSI/Nb.BsmI linearized pTAJAK71 [81] vector. All genetic constructs were validated using Mix2Seq sequencing (Eurofins Genomics). All used and constructed plasmids are listed in Table A.32.

### 2.2.3 Yeast genetic transformation

All genetic modifications of S. cerevisiae laboratory and industrial strains were done using well described (Lithium acetate, PEG and ssDNA) transformation protocol (Gietz and Schiestl, 2007). Routinely, 200-500 ng of plasmid DNA and 0.5-1 $\mu \mathrm{g}$ of linear DNA was used per transformation. For CRISPR/Cas9 genome editing purpose, 2.5 mM of $90-\mathrm{bp}$ long dsOligo was used as a repair

[^5]template. For industrial $S$. cerevisiae strains the amount of 90 -bp dsOligo was doubled. All transformants were selected on YPD medium plates supplemented accordingly with appropriate selection drug/s. Finally, single colonies were streak-purified on a selection medium prior further analyses and subsequent genetic manipulations.

### 2.2.4 Adaptive laboratory evolution

Two starting S. cerevisiae strains, the WT CEN.PK113-7D and the TS29 NOX strain expressing water forming NADH oxidase from S. pneumoniae were used in adaptive laboratory evolution (ALE) experiments. Moreover, ALE was done in two modes - I) manual ALE and II) using automated robotic set-up. The mode-I ALE was performed in 500 mL shake flasks with 50 mL of medium using only the NOX expressing strain. Prior to ALE, two cultures of NOX strain were preconditioned by 72 hours cultivation in MG+ medium at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and constant agitation at 250 rpm . Subsequently, cultures were re-inoculated into the $50: 50$ of MG+ and MG media mix and cultivated until the stationary growth phase was reached. Thereafter, ALE was done exclusively in the MG medium by serial transfer of yeast cultures into fresh medium at lateexponential/stationary growth phase. The fresh cultures were inoculated to a starting OD600 0.1 to 0.3 . The ALE experiment lasted for up to 80 cumulative generations in MG media. Cryostocks of the intermediate cultures were prepared at regular intervals. For the mode-II ALE experiment, two strains WT and NOX were pre-cultured in two separate 500 mL shake flasks with 50 mL of MG+ medium. Five replicates with 15 mL of MG+ medium were inoculated to a starting OD600 of 0.3 per strain. The tubes were cultured at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ with constant agitation at 1000 rpm . A total of $900 \mu$ of culture was serially passaged to fresh medium during early-exponential phase. The OD600 was automatically measured at regular intervals to assess cultures growth state. The growth medium composition was gradually changed from the MG+ to the MG medium ${ }^{11}$ during the ALE experiment. The last $300+$ generations were evolved purely in the MG medium. Cryostocks of the intermediate cultures were prepared at regular intervals, however, only the final ALE lineages were used in further analyses. All growth curves are plotted using $R$ language using 'loess' method based on two biological replicates.

### 2.2.5 Characterization of growth in microtiter scale

All evolved and re-engineered yeast strains were characterized in microtiter scale setting using the Growth Profiler 1152 systems (Enzyscreen). An overnight pre-culture was prepared by inoculating each strain into a well of 24 -deep well plate (Porvair Sciences) filled with 3 mL of YPD medium and incubating at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ with 300 rpm shaking. Next day, the plate with the pre-culture was spun-down at 2200 g for 5 min and resuspended in 3 mL of MG medium. $200 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ aliquots of resuspended pre-culture was transferred to a volume of fresh MG medium in order to reach

[^6]a pre-inoculum suspension of OD600 4.5. Finally, $50 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ of each pre-inoculum was inoculated into a separate well of Krystal 24-well clear bottom white microplate (Porvair Sciences) prefilled with $700 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ per well of MG media and incubated for minimum of 80 hours at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ with 225 rpm shaking. Cell growth ${ }^{12}$ was monitored by scanning the bottom of the plates in 30 min intervals. G-value was converted to an OD600 equivalent by using a spline fitted calibration curve using the data from Bergdahl et al. (unpublished data). For growth characterization in MD medium the procedure was done exactly as described above. Growth rates were estimated by calculating the maximum slope values of best linear fit on log-transformed OD values ${ }^{13}$. All growth curves are plotted using $R$ language using 'loess' method based on two biological replicates.

### 2.2.6 Spot assays

To assess osmo-sensitivity, yeast cells were inoculated in 3 mL of YPD medium and grown overnight at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ with constant shaking 250 rpm . Next day, $100 \mu$ aliquots of each culture were resuspended in sterile MiliQ water to $\mathrm{OD} 600=2$, and $3 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ of 10 -fold dilution series were plated on YPD plates with and without KCl . Plates were incubated at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 3 days and cell growth was monitored once a day.

### 2.2.7 Classical genetics techniques

Classical genetic techniques were done according to standard protocols [172] with slight modifications. In brief, diploids were generated by combining two medium sized single colonies of the haploid strains with opposite mating type in $200 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ of sterile water in a 1.5 mL Eppendorf tube and vortexing them vigorously. Thereafter, $10 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ of the suspension was plated onto YPD plate and incubated for 46 hours at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The cell mix was then scraped out from the YPD plate and resuspended in $400 \mu$ of sterile water. $10 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ of the suspension is plated on YPD plate and formed zygotes were isolated using spore dissection microscope. The ploidy and mating type was confirmed by multiplex colony PCR on MAT locus [78] using the primers MAT_R, MAT $\alpha$ _F and MAT_F. The sporulation was induced by plating diploid cells on SPO plates and incubating at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for up to 6 days depending on sporulation efficiency. After confirming the presence of tetrads on SPO plates a small portion of biomass with spores was resuspended in $50 \mu$ of ( $2.5 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{mL}$ ) sterile Glucanex ${ }^{\mathrm{R}}$ (Thermo Fisher Scientific) solution and digested for up to 15 min at approx. $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction was stopped by adding $450 \mu$ of sterile MilliQ water and up to $5 \mu$ of the resulting suspension was carefully transferred to a dissection plate. Tetrads were dissected using Axio Scope.A1(Carl Zeiss) microscope equipped with dissection platform. Plates with dissected spores were incubated at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 2 days at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

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### 2.2.8 Re-engineering mutations found in evolved strains

In order to re-engineer the mutations of interest in the wild type strains the CRISPR-Cas9 techniques [81] [176] optimized for the $S$. cerevisiae were used. For each modification, a specific gRNA sequence (Table A.1) targeting the Cas9 nuclease to the appropriate genetic locus was designed. The quality and specificity of gRNA was assessed using a CRISPRdirect online tool developed by Naito et al. [124]. In order to repair a DNA double strand break introduced by Cas9 repair templates (90-bp dsOligo flanking 45 bp upstream and downstream of the specific cut site) were designed for each locus of interest. Each repair template contained a specific mutation and a silent mutation that would disturb (NGG) PAM site motive (Table A.1). First, the two laboratory strains CEN.PK113-7D and CEN.PK113-1A were transformed (as described above) with the Cas9 expressing plasmid pCfB2312 resulting in strains 7D_Cas9 and 1A_Cas9, respectively. Yeast transformants were selected on YPD+G418 plates. Subsequently, the Cas9 expressing strains were individually transformed with different single gRNA expressing plasmids (Table A.32) and resulting cells were selected on YPD+G418+CloNat. To confirm that the gene editing was successful routinely 5 colonies per edit were tested. A 500 bp long DNA fragment flanking the locus of an edit was amplified by colony-PCR using OneTaq ${ }^{R}$ 2X Master Mix (New England Biolabs) with specific primers (Table A.1), column purified using NucleoSpin ${ }^{R}$ kit (MACHEREY-NAGEL) and sent for sequencing (Eurofins Genomics). Each engineered strain harboring a correct genetic edit was streaked on YPD+G418 plates and incubated for 2-3 days at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Subsequently, yeast strains were replica-plated on YPD+G418+CloNat and YPD+G418 media in order to select for the mutants that have lost gRNA expressing plasmid. Next, yeast cells with a single genetic edit (without the corresponding gRNA plasmid) were transformed with a new gRNA expressing plasmid targeting a different locus. Subsequently, gRNA plasmids were "kicked out" from the correct strains harboring a double genetic edit. The transformation cycle was repeated for generation of the strains containing triple gene mutations (Table A.2).

### 2.2.9 Controlled batch fermentation

The evolved lineage ALE2 and re-engineered strains TS154(R-GU), TS170(R-GK) and TS177(RGKU) from YPD plate were inoculated to 0.5 L shake flasks with 100 mL of MG ( pH 4.2 ). Pre-cultures were incubated in an orbital shaker set to 200 rpm at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ until late-exponential phase (OD600 5 7). Cell suspension was up-concentrated by centrifugation and resuspension in fresh MG medium and used for inoculation. Batch cultivations were performed under aerobic conditions in one liter Sartorius fermenters equipped with continuous data acquisition (Braun Biotech International). Each fermenter was inoculated to an initial OD600 of 0.2. Cell culture aeration was ensured by constant airflow of $1.5 \mathrm{v} . \mathrm{v} . \mathrm{m}$. ( $80 \mathrm{~L} / \mathrm{h}$ ) and stirring speed of 1000 rpm . The temperature was maintained at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ during the fermentation and pH (4.2) level was controlled by automatic addition of 2 M NaOH solution. The exhaust gas composition was constantly monitored by off gas analyzer 1311 Fast response triple gas (Innova) combined with Mass Spectrometer

Prima Pro Process MS (ThermoFisher Scientific). The batch cultures were sampled in regular intervals for estimation of OD600, cell dry weight (CDW) and extracellular metabolites. Samples for transcriptomic, proteomics and intracellular metabolomics were taken at the early-exponential growth state (OD600 2 5). All experiments were done in triplicates except for the strain TS154 (R-GU), which was done in duplicate.

### 2.2.10 Cell dry weight sampling

The biomass concentration was determined by measuring CDW as previously described [106] using polyethersulfone filters with a pore size of $0.45 \mu \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{Montamil}^{\mathrm{R}}$ (Membrane Solutions, LLC). The filters were pre-dried in a microwave oven at 150 W for 20 min and weighted on analytical scales. 5 mL of cultivation broth was filtered and then washed with three volumes of distilled water. Thereafter, the filters with biomass were dried in the microwave oven at 150 W for 20 min and cooled down in a desiccator for a minimum of 2 hours. The filters with dried biomass were weighed in order to determine the CDW.

### 2.2.11 Genomic DNA sample preparation

Genomic DNA of S. cerevisiae strains was isolated using a ZR Fungal/Bacterial DNA MiniPrep ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ kit (Zymoresearch). DNA was extracted following the manufacturer's recommendations, except that yeast cells were disrupted by five cycles of 1 min vortex and 1 min on ice. The quality and the concentration of extracted DNA was assessed with the spectrophotometer NanoPhotometer ${ }^{R}$ P-Class (IMPLEN). 150 bp pair-end DNA libraries were prepared using TruSeq Nano DNA HT Library Prep Kit and sequenced using Miseq ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ platform (Illumina).

### 2.2.12 RNA-seq sample preparation

All RNA samples were prepared as follows, 10 mL of fermentation broth was sprayed into 50 mL Falcon ${ }^{\mathrm{R}}$ tube filled with ice and immediately centrifuged at 10000 xg for 5 min at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After centrifugation supernatant was discarded and cell pellet was frozen by placing the tube into dry-ice bath. Tubes with frozen biomass were kept at $-80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ until extraction. Total RNA of each sample was isolated using RNAeasy kit (Qiagen) by following manufacturer's protocol. Briefly, $594 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ of RLT buffer plus $6 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ of $\beta$-mercaptoethanol were added to the Falcon ${ }^{\mathrm{R}}$ tube containing the frozen cell pellet and let it unfreeze on ice. Cell suspension was transferred to an ice-cold FastPrep Cap tube containing $600 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ of glass beads ( 400 nm acid washed, Sigma). Cells were disrupted using FastPrep ( 2 cycles with the following conditions: 10 seconds at speed 6,15 seconds on ice). Cell lysate was transferred to a new tube and centrifuged 2 min at full speed in microcentrifuge (Eppendorf). Supernatant was careful mixed with 1 volume of $70 \%$ HPLC-grade ethanol. Sample was transferred to an RNAeasy column and washed according to the manufacturer's instructions. RNA was then eluted with $60 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ of RNase-free water. Eluted sample
was digested with Turbo DNAse (Invitrogen Ambion) accordingly to manufacture instructions followed by RNA clean-up (RNAeasy kit, Qiagen). The RNA library was prepared using the Illumina TruSeq Stranded mRNA LT sample prep kit starting with 500 ng of total RNA, following manufactures instructions using Beckman Biomek FX Laboratory automation station. Samples were sequenced using Hiseq2000 instruments in the 50 bp single read mode and loaded 8 pM onto the flow cell at the Genomics Core Facility of EMBL (Heidelberg, Germany).

### 2.2.13 Analysis of genomic variants

The bioinformatics pipeline for sequencing read analysis to identify mutations included the following steps. All sequencing reads were passed through quality control with FastQC [6] (version 0.11.3), followed by adapter trimming using cutadapt [117] (version 1.9.1) with default options. Subsequent quality trimming and filtering was performed with FaQCs (Lo and Chain, 2014) (version 1.34) using default parameters. Since the sequencing data were of good quality and aligners are already able to do soft-clipping ${ }^{14}$ the impact of the quality control process steps on the alignment quality and the final variant calling results was neglectable. Bowtie2 (version 2.0.2) was used for sequence read alignment to the S. cerevisiae CEN.PK113-7D [125] or S288C (R64-21_20150113) [44] reference genome using the following parameters: -very-sensitive-local -I 180 -X 1000 -score-min G,70,8. Picard Tools (version 1.129) (http://broadinstitute.github.io/picard/) were used for file formatting and the removal of read duplicates. The genome-wide detection of singleand multi-nucleotide variants (SNVs and MNVs) was performed with the GATK HaplotypeCaller [119] (version 3.3.0) using default settings except for the ploidy, which was set to 5 in order to also detect variants that might be only present in a fraction of the lineages. Post-processing and manual filtering of the raw VCF (Variant Call Format) files was conducted according to the GATK Best Practices [38] recommendations, which included a minimum variant calling quality of 900 (Figure A. 1 and Figure A.2). In addition, while analyzing the tetrad genomes, only the variants with a 2:2 segregation pattern were kept. Intermediate sized structural variants (SVs) were investigated with delly2 following the workflow for somatic SV calling [152] (version 0.7.2). Large SVs were investigated by read-depth analysis summarizing all high-quality aligned reads in consecutive genomic windows of 1 kb across the genome and then using Circular Binary Segmentation. All samples had an average mapped coverage of at least 40 reads. Mutations of interest were confirmed by Sanger sequencing 500 bp long fragments of the loci of interest obtained by PCR with specific primers.

### 2.2.14 Differential expression analysis

The quality of the raw RNA sequencing reads was assessed using FastQC [6] (version 0.11.3). Prior to the alignment, adapter trimming was performed using cutadapt [117] (version 1.9.1) with

[^8]default options providing the standard lllumina TrueSeq Index adapters. Subsequent quality trimming and filtering was performed with FaQCs (Lo and Chain, 2014) (version 1.34) using the following parameters: -q 20 -min_L 25 -n 5 -discard 1 . The total reads per sample after trimming and filtering ranged from 17.5 to 27 million. The sequencing reads were aligned to the reference genome of S. cerevisiae CEN.PK113-7D [125]. using tophat2 [90] (version 2.0.10) with the following parameter: -G -T -x $20-\mathrm{M}$-microexon-search -no-coverage-search -no-novel-juncs -a 6 . Only reads with unique mappings were considered for differential expression analysis. Gene level count tables were obtained using the count script of the HTSeq [4] python library (version 0.6 .1 p 1 .) with default options. All reads mapped in total to about 5400 genes. This was followed by statistical analysis using the Bioconductor package DESeq2 ([109]) (version 1.12.4). Size-factor based normalization to control for batch effects and inter-sample variability and dispersion estimation were conducted using package defaults. The differential expression analysis was again performed with the package defaults, which include multiple testing correction, independent filtering and cooks cutoff (Anders and Huber, 2010) for outlier detection. Raw P-values ("orig_") as returned by DESeq2 were used as input to fdrtool [177] (version 1.2.15) in order to compute q-values ${ }^{15}$ ("re.estimated_"). Genes with $\mathrm{FDR}<0.1$ were considered as significantly differentially expressed. Biostatistical analyses were conducted using R V.3.3.1 (R Development Core Team).

### 2.2.15 Proteomics sample preparation and data analysis

For proteomics analysis 10 mL of fermentation broth was transferred into ice-cold 15 mL Falcon ${ }^{R}$ and immediately centrifuged at 10000 xg for 2 min at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After centrifugation supernatant was discarded and cell pellet was washed once with PBS buffer. Pellet was frozen by placing the tube into dry-ice bath. Frozen samples were kept at $-80^{\circ}$ Cuntil extraction. Cell pellets were lysed using $0.1 \%$ RapiGest in 100 mM ammonium bicarbonate. Three cycles of sonication (Cell disruptor, Sonifier, Branson) were applied to the lysate ( 1 cycle: 15 seconds sonication, 15 seconds on ice), followed by 15 min bead beating using Precellys Lysing Kit (KT0361-1-004.2). Cell lysate was transferred into a new tube after centrifugation ( $5 \mathrm{~min}, 5000 \mathrm{x} \mathrm{g}$ ) and incubated at $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 15 min . Benzonase ( 25 U , Merck) was added to the lysate for 30 min at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Cysteines were reduced using dithiothreitol $\left(56^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 30 \mathrm{~min}, 10 \mathrm{mM}\right)$. The sample was cooled to $24^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and alkylated with iodacetamide (room temperature, in the dark, $30 \mathrm{~min}, 10 \mathrm{mM}$ ). Proteins were TCA precipitated, TCA pellet was washed by acetone and dried. The proteins were digested in 50 mM HEPES ( pH 8.5 ) using LysC (Wako) with an enzyme to protein ration $1: 50$ at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 4 hours, followed by trypsin (Promega) with an enzyme to protein ratio $1: 50$ at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ overnight. TMT10plex ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ Isobaric Label Reagent (ThermoFisher) was added to the samples according the manufacturer's instructions. Labeled peptides were cleaned up using OASIS ${ }^{\mathrm{R}}$ HLB $\mu \mathrm{Elution}$ Plate (Waters). Offline high pH reverse phase fractionation was performed using an Agilent 1200 Infinity high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) system, equipped with a Gemini

[^9]C 18 column ( $3 \mu \mathrm{~m}, 110 \AA, 100 \times 1.0 \mathrm{~mm}$, Phenomenex). The solvent system consisted of 20 mM ammonium formate ( pH 10.0 ) as mobile phase A and $100 \%$ acetonitrile as mobile phase B.

### 2.2.16 Peptide analysis by LC-MS/MS

Peptides were separated using the UltiMate 3000 RSLC nano LC system (Dionex) fitted with a trapping cartridge ( $\mu$-Precolumn C18 PepMap 100, $5 \mu \mathrm{~m}, 300 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ i.d. x $5 \mathrm{~mm}, 100 \AA$ and an analytical column (Acclaim PepMap $10075 \mu \mathrm{~m} \times 50 \mathrm{~cm} \mathrm{C18,3} \mathrm{\mu m,100} \mathrm{\AA} \mathrm{}$. analytical column was coupled directly to a QExactive plus (Thermo) using the proxeon nanoflow source in positive ion mode. Solvent A was water, $0.1 \%$ formic acid and solvent B was acetonitrile, $0.1 \%$ formic acid. Trapping time was 6 min with a constant flow of solvent A at $30 \mu / \mathrm{min}$ onto the trapping column. Peptides were eluted via the analytical column a constant flow of $0.3 \mu / \mathrm{min}$. During the elution step, the percentage of solvent B increased in a linear fashion from $2 \%$ to $4 \%$ B in 4 min , from $4 \%$ to $8 \%$ in 2 min , then $8 \%$ to $28 \%$ for a further 96 min , and finally from $28 \%$ to $40 \%$ in another 10 min . Column cleaning at $80 \%$ B followed, lasting 3 min , before returning to initial conditions for the re-equilibration, lasting 10 min . The peptides were introduced into the mass spectrometer (QExactive plus, ThermoFisher) via a Pico-Tip Emitter $360 \mu \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{OD} \mathrm{x}$ $20 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ ID; $10 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ tip (New Objective) and a spray voltage of 2.3 kV was applied. The capillary temperature was set at $320^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Full scan MS spectra with mass range $350-1400 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{z}$ were acquired in profile mode in the FT with resolution of 70,000 . The filling time was set at maximum of 100 ms with a limitation of $3 \times 106$ ions. DDA was performed with the resolution of the Orbitrap set to 35000 , with a fill time of 120 ms and a limitation of $2 \times 105$ ions. Normalized collision energy of 32 was used. A loop count of 10 with count 1 was used and a minimum AGC trigger of 2 e 2 was set. Dynamic exclusion time of 30 seconds was applied. The peptide match algorithm was set to 'preferred' and charge exclusion 'unassigned', charge states $1,5-8$ were excluded. Isolation window was set to $1.0 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{z}$ and $100 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{z}$ set as the fixed first mass. MS/MS data was acquired in profile mode.

### 2.2.17 Metabolomics sample preparation and analysis

For intracellular metabolomics analysis, cells were harvested using a fast filtration protocol properly adapted from ([90]). Briefly, 5 mL of culture were sampled at mid-exponential growth phase and were vacuum-filtered through nylon membrane filters ( $0.45 \mu \mathrm{~m}$, WhatmanTM), followed by three rapid washing steps with 5 mL of PBS to ensure no contamination from extracellular metabolites. The polar metabolites were extracted by adding the cell-containing filter in 5 mL of cold (-20 oC) HPLC-grade methanol (Biosolve Chimie, France)/MilliQ water (1:1, v/v) and incubating for 1 h at -20 oC . The mixture of metabolites and cell debris was centrifuged at 10000 rpm and 0 oC for 10 min , and the supernatants were collected and dried with speed-vac. The dried metabolites were derivatized to their (MeOx)TMS-derivatives through reaction with $100 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ of $20 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{mL}$ methoxyamine hydrochloride (Alfa Aesar, UK) solution in pyridine (Sigma-Aldrich)
for 90 min at 40 oC , followed by reaction with $200 \mu \mathrm{~L} \mathrm{~N}$-methyl-trimethylsilyl-trifluoroacetamide (MSTFA) (Alfa Aesar, UK) for 10 hours at room temperature, as justified in (Kanani and Klapa, 2007). The metabolic profile of each sample was measured thrice using a Shimadzu TQ8040 GC-(triple quadrupole) MS system (Shimadzu Corp.). The gas chromatograph was equipped with a $30 \mathrm{mx} 0.25 \mathrm{~mm} \times 0.25 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ DB-50MS capillary column (Phenomenex, USA). The detector was operated both in scan mode recording in the range of $50-600 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{z}$, as well as in MRM mode for the mentioned metabolites. The metabolite quantification was carried out by calculating the peak areas of the identified marker ions of each metabolite (Table A.3). For glucose, the smaller of the two derivative peaks was used for quantification. Samples for quantification of extracellular metabolites were prepared by filtering ( $0.20 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ Phenex-RC, Phenomenex) 1.5 mL of fermentation broth into glass vials and stored at $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ until further analyses. Glycerol and several metabolites of the central carbon metabolism were analyzed by high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC system, Waters) equipped with Rezex ROA-Organic Acid column (Phenomenex). The column temperature was set to $65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and elution was done by sulfuric acid 0.5 mM with constant flow-rate $0.5 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$. Metabolites were detected by RI differential refractometer (Waters) and PDA detector (Waters) at 210 nm wavelength.

### 2.2.18 Genome scale metabolic modeling

Metabolic reactions that likely become re-regulated during adaptive evolution of S. cerevisiae for glycerol utilization were identified using model simulations and the in house developed switchPheno algorithm. Specifically, the switchPheno algorithm uses a mixed-integer linear programming routine to identify a minimum number of reactions, in the genome-scale metabolic model of S. cerevisiae (iFF708 [54]), that have to be re-regulated to achieve optimal glycerol utilization. As a reference metabolic state for re-regulation we used the distribution of fluxes during respiratory growth on glucose. A set of minimum number of reactions were then identified whose (absolute) flux have to change for optimal glycerol utilization by $>25 \%$ beyond the (absolute) flux range extremes [113] ( $\pm 0.001 \mathrm{mmol} /(\mathrm{g} \mathrm{CDW} \mathrm{h})$ when 6 C-moles of carbon source were converted to biomass) under the reference metabolic state (Table A.4). Equal C-molar conversion of carbon source to biomass was considered in the reference metabolic state and glycerol utilization. All the simulations were performed with Matlab R2015a v. 8.5.0 using IBM ILOG CPLEX v. 12.6.1 functions 'cplexlp' and 'cplexmilp'.

### 2.3 Results and Discussion

### 2.3.1 Phenotypic characterization of the evolved lineages of $S$. cerevisiae growing on glycerol minimal media

While the growth performances in terms of growth rates and residual glycerol levels were similar between the evolved WT and NOX lineages of mode-II ${ }^{16}$, the NOX lineages reached higher final ODs (Figure 2-4a, b, d). Both strains resulted in lineages with maximum growth rates on minimal glycerol medium (mean $\mu$ max $\approx 0.22$ ) (Figure 2-4b). Interestingly, the adaptation rates of the NOX lineage were faster and whereas all of the NOX lineages evolved to grow on glycerol only two of the WT based lineages did (Figure 2-4a, c). While there were only minor differences in the final growth performance between the lineages of the two starting strains, the variation of the evolution mode resulted in different growth phenotypes. The manually evolved lineages ${ }^{17}$ possess slightly higher final ODs and higher total glycerol consumption, thus seem to be able to use low concentrations of glycerol more efficiently (Figure 2-4a, d). Indeed, when being transferred only at the stationary phase better glycerol exhaustion is expected to be beneficial. On the contrary, the mode-I lineages do not grow as fast as the ALE lineages with lower maximum growth rates on minimal medium (mean $\mu$ max $\approx 0.16$ ) (Figure $2-4 a$, b). Being constantly transferred in early exponential phase puts evolution pressure on the growth rate, thus it is not surprising that the final evolved ALE lineages are growing faster. Characterizing intermediate lineages of mode-I, the lineage 2 showed faster adaption with bigger increases in growth performance at early stages than the lineage 1 (Figure 2-4e). The growth phenotype of the final lineage was reached after around 58 generations in mode-I lineage 1 and after around 51 generations in mode-I lineage 2. The best performing isolate was ALE7 from mode-II with $\mu \max =0.229 \pm 0.002$ (Table A. 5 Table A.6). Notably, the evolved lineages show on average a four-fold faster growth rate in minimal medium compared to the parental strains in a rich medium containing amino acids.

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Figure 2.4. Growth characteristics of intermediate and final evolved lineages. (a) Growth curves of the evolved NOX lineage I from mode-I and the NOX and WT lineages from mode-II. (b) Boxplots of maximum growth rates of all evolved lineages. (c) Growth profiles of WT and NOX strains in MG+ medium supplemented with amino acids in the initial flasks and after two passages. (d) Color bars represent residual glycerol concentration in MG after 72 h of cultivation of all final evolved lineages. Error bars represent standard deviations of two replicates. Note, that ALE1 and ALE4 didn't evolve to grow on MG medium. (e) Growth characteristics of intermediate and final evolved mode-I lineages. Growth rates are estimated based on two biological replicates. This figure and the text in this legend have been adapted from Strucko et al. (2018) [178].

### 2.3.2 Genomic characterization of the evolved lineages of S. cerevisiae

### 2.3.2.1 Single- and multi-nucleotide variants

The sequencing results revealed 93 unique mutations across the seventeen evolved lineages (Table A.7). The vast majority of the mutations were single nucleotide insertions and SNVs ( $>95 \%$ ), whereas only a few were single or double nucleotide deletions and multi-nucleotide variants (Figure 2-5a). The relative high percentage of small indels in comparison to SNVs of 53 percent might hint at a too relaxed post-variant-calling filtering process as other studies analyzing the nature of spontaneously arising mutations observed ratios of only up to maximally 3 percent [207] [126]. About one third (34) of the unique mutations hit coding regions (Table A.7), which is much less than the annotated percentage of coding regions in the genome ( $75 \%$ ) that got evenly hit in comparable mutation accumulation (MA) experiments [207] [36] [126]. Considering only SNVs, this ratio increases to expected $72 \%$, which underlines the hypothesis that a too relaxed filtering procedure resulted in a high number of false positive indel calls. Since insertions constitute the vast majority of the identified small indels, they were excluded from the following analysis. Interestingly, almost all of the mutations in coding regions cause amino acid substitutions (Figure 2-5a), whereas in random spontaneous mutation spectra only $75 \%$ of all changes should be non-synonymous. In studies without a selective pressure this distribution is typically achieved [126]. Thus, the observed mutations in coding regions seem highly affected by selection/subjected to selection. Various categories of genes were affected by the SNPs ranging from metabolic genes to regulatory and signaling genes. Interestingly, three genes were found mutated in more than one evolved lineages (Figure 2-5a). The glycerol kinase encoding gene GUT1 was the most frequently mutated gene with independent mutations in five lineages, followed by HOG1 with mutations in four, and PBS2 with mutations in two lineages. The two latter genes are both coding for key proteins of the high-osmolarity glycerol (HOG) pathway and are exclusively found in all the lineages harboring the NOX gene. On average $6.5 \pm 5.7$ new mutations evolved across all final end point lineages growing on glycerol. The huge standard deviation is owned to two outlier lineages harboring about four and a half times more mutations than the rest of the lineages (Figure 2-5b). Interestingly, these are the only two lineages, which do not have any HOG pathway related mutation (Table A.7). The two final GEVO lineages have about one mutation less on average than the ALE lineages of the same strain background, which is most probably owned to the difference in length of evolution ( 80 vs .300 generations) (Figure $2-5 \mathrm{c}$ ). The mutation rate of the SNVs is estimated to be $2.26 \pm 1.5 \times 10^{-9}$ per base per generation, which is higher than previously reported, but expectable since these experiments were performed under no selection pressure (Lynch 2008; 3.3 $(\mathrm{SE}=0.8) \times 10^{-10}$ ). In the case of [126] ( $2.9 \times 10^{-10}$ ) and [207] ( $1.67 \pm 0.04 \times 10^{-10}$ ) they additionally analyzed diploid yeasts, which (especially in their vegetative state) are thought to be genomically more stable than other ploidys. Interestingly, the Mode-II evolved NOX lineages had a lower mutation rate ( $1.18 \pm 0.13 \times 10^{-9}$ per base and generation) than the Mode-I evolved NOX lineages ( $3.62 \pm 0.73 \times 10^{-9}$ per base and generation),
suggesting a possibly higher evolution pressure in the latter (Figure 2-5d).


Figure 2.5. Genomic characterization of intermediate and final evolved lineages. (a) Mutations found by sequencing of all evolved lineages summarized by mutation types, mutation effects and mutation hotspots. HOG1: Mitogen-activated protein kinase of the HOG pathway, PBS2: MAP kinase kinase of the HOG signaling pathway. (b) Distribution of number of evolved mutations of all evolved final end point lineages growing on MG. (c, d) Comparison of (c) number of mutations and (d) evolution rates in NOX lineages between the two evolution modes. The mode-I lineages evolved for about 80 generation, whereas the mode-II lineages evolved for about 300 generations. (e) Sequencing reads of the NOX parental strain and the mode-II evolved NOX lineage ALE7 aligned to the S. cerevisiae S288C reference genome and summarized in 1 kb windows. Part (a) of this figure and the corresponding legend text have been adapted from Strucko et al. (2018) [178].

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### 2.3.2.2 Structural variants

Among all evolved lineages, one copy number variation (CNV) evolved, namely a copy number gain of chromosome 8 in ALE7 (Figure 2-5e). The lower final growth OD of ALE7 in comparison with the other NOX based lineages could possibly be attributed to the evolved chromosome duplication in chromosome 8 (Figure 2-4a). Interestingly, the gene GUT1 is located on chromosome 8 and ALE7 is one of the few lineages without a detected mutation in this gene. Mutations in this gene are also the only mutations, which were found on chromosome 8 . The predicted copy number gain is one copy and only possible under the assumption that the original copy number of the chromosome was two. Since CEN.PK is a haploid strain, this observation makes it likely, that already the parental $N O X$ strain is diploid for chromosome 8. Additionally, the parental $N O X$ strain has a copy number gain of chromosome 9 , which is predicted to be double the copy number of the rest of the genome. Thus, the WT and NOX lineages (considering the integrated NOX gene) did not entirely have the same genetic base to start from. Possibly, during the integration procedure of the $N O X$ gene a genome duplication with a copy number variation had taken place in the NOX strain. No intermediate sized structural variants (300bp - 10kb) were found in any of the evolved lineages. Small structural variants ( $10 \mathrm{bp}-300 \mathrm{bp}$ ) are difficult to detect with short-read data. It has previously been shown that the ploidy ${ }^{18}$ of the evolving lineages as well as the length of the laboratory evolution (max. 300 generations) make structural variants generally unlikely to occur [169] [207] [99] [126]. As a side note, the sequencing also uncovered that a mixing between the automatically evolved lineages has occurred at some point of the experiment and therefore not all mode-II evolved lineages are completely independent experiments. Analyzing the duplicated chromosome 9 in all the NOX lineages as well as reads aligning to the NOX gene, the WT lineage 5 (ALE 5) has been overtaken by one of the NOX lineages (Figure A.3-A.5). The same is true for a strain evolved in parallel for an independent experiment, which sequence was then added to the results (ALE 11). Considering the distribution of the identified SNPS among the evolved lineages it is furthermore highly likely that ALE6, ALE8 and ALE11 were intermixed at some point of the experiment as they show many overlapping SNVs (Figure 2-6). Also, ALE5 and ALE9 got probably mixed as well as ALE2, which has a huge overlap with ALE3. Thus finally, we have only 7 independently evolved strains growing on glycerol. Interestingly, the mode-I NOX lineage 1 clusters relatively closely with the ALE lineages of mode-II. Since these were evolved in physically separated experiments, either identical mutations occurred by chance or, more likely, some background mutations of the parental $N O X$ strain were undetected in the variant calling process of the parental strain.

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Figure 2.6. Hierarchical clustering of all sequenced evolved lineages based on newly evolved SNVs, MNV and deletions. Note that ALE4 didn't evolve to grow on glycerol and couldn't be recovered for sequencing.

### 2.3.3 Mutations in the HOG pathway and GUT1 enable growth on glycerol while introducing an osmo-sensitive trade-off phenotype

To identify functional mutations for glycerol utilization from our evolution experiment, first, mutations in the three most frequently mutated genes were further analyzed. GUT1 has a known function in the glycerol uptake pathway and was shown to facilitate glycerol utilization previously (Figure 2-1). However, solely introducing this mutation wasn't sufficient for growth on glycerol [181] [74]. The dominance of mutations in HOG pathway genes is striking, making it also a good candidate mutation for efficient growth on glycerol. Furthermore, the HOG pathway has been previously implicated in glycerol utilization (Kvitek and Sherlock, 2013). Although we could experimentally demonstrate the positive effect of these mutations by reintroducing them in the wild-type strain, the full phenotype of the endpoint mode-I lineages could not be entirely recapitulated (Figure 2-7a and Figure A.6). As previously observed, neither of the reintroduced GUT1 mutations is sufficient for growth on glycerol. Nevertheless, a clear positive interaction
between GUT1 and PBS2 or HOG1 was observed (Figure 2-7a and Figure A.6). Since the HOG pathway mutations only evolved in the NOX lineages, two candidate mutations in combination with a GUT1 mutation were additionally reintroduced in the NOX strain. The growth phenotype achieved with the reintroduced double mutations was independent of the background strain (Figure A.7). Interestingly, the HOG pathway and GUT1 mutations seem to evolve irrespective of the evolution mode. The differences in the growth characteristics between the mode-I and mode-II lineages could be due to additional individual sets of mutations affecting additional genes or due to the specific mutations in the genes of the HOG pathway or GUT1. Whether the higher final growth ODs and the faster adaptation rates of the NOX in comparison to the WT lineages are due to HOG pathway mutations, due to additional mutations, due to the genomic background of the NOX strain or due to the NOX gene itself remains unclear. Finally, if NOX lineages are more likely to evolve a HOG pathway related solution or if evolving a HOG pathway solution is more likely than other solutions in general can't be assessed since only one independent WT lineage evolved the ability to grow on glycerol.


FIgURE 2.7. Investigating causal mutations of the NOX lineages and their phenotypic signatures. (a) Re-engineering of the glycerol phenotype achieved in the NOX strain-based evolution experiments. (b) Glycerol consumption and growth rates of intermediate lineages of the mode-I experiments. Time point of evolution of HOG pathway and GUT1 mutations is indicated. (c) Spot assay experiment confirming the osmo-sensitive trade-off phenotypes of WT strains carrying single point mutations in HOG1 or PBS2 identified in the evolved NOX lineages. Part (a) and (c) of this figure and the corresponding legend text have been reproduced from Strucko et al. (2018) with permission [178].
(Kvitek and Sherlock, 2013) have reported that the major signaling pathways, including HOG, of $S$. cerevisiae were affected earliest during laboratory evolution. This is in partial agreement with the sequencing results of the intermediate samples of the mode-I lineage 1 experiment, where the PBS2 gene mutated as early as after five passages of the adaptation process (Figure $2-7 b)$. In the mode-I lineage 2 , the HOG1 mutation was only detected in the sample taken after 15 passages. Unfortunately, we only sequenced two samples from this lineage, so the sample size is not meaningful for any further conclusions. The GUT1 mutation arises very late during the course of the experiment for mode-I lineage 1. Additionally, it is found in the lineage ALE6 but not in its related lineages ALE8 and ALE11, which support the observation that it evolves later during evolution. This is in line with the fact that contrary to the HOG pathway mutations, a GUT1
related mutation was detected in most, but not all evolved NOX lineages (Table A.7). Through testing the identified HOG pathway mutations for their functional impact, we individually assessed the osmo-sensitivity of several variants of HOG1 and PBS2 that were re-engineered into the wild-type CEN.PK. In all tested cases, a single nucleotide substitution in the genes led to an osmo-sensitive phenotype suggesting a loss-of-function mutation (Figure 2-7c) [161] [21]. Exclusively, the HOG pathway related mutations caused an osmo-sensitive phenotype as only those lineages displayed elevated sensitivity to osmotic stress (Figure A.8).

### 2.3.4 A joint approach of classical yeast genetics and inverse metabolic engineering identifies causal mutations beyond the HOG pathway

### 2.3.4.1 Three SNPs, in the genes GUT1, KGD1 and UBC13, are additive causal mutations restoring the evolved growth phenotype

To further identify causal mutations underlying the evolved growth phenotype other than the HOG pathway, the endpoint lineage ALE2 evolved from the parental CEN.PK113-7D WT strain in mode-II was chosen. This lineage did not exhibit increased sensitivity towards osmotic stress and had a final growth on glycerol of $\mu \mathrm{max}=0.220 \pm 0.004$. Starting with 21 candidate $\mathrm{SNPs}^{19}$ the ALE2 lineages was crossed back with a wild type strain (Figure 2-3b). Six tetrads of this backcross were characterized in MG medium and showed a pronounced growth phenotype heterogeneity segregating in a non-Mendelian manner ${ }^{20}$ (Figure A.9). Three tetrads of the first generation were sequenced to follow the segregation pattern of the mutations and compare them against the growth phenotypes. We identified three additional mutations in these tetrads, which were not found before, probably because only a small subpopulation in the ALE2 lineage harbored them (Table A.8). Tetrad 2A and 2D appear to be very interesting cases since they have a relatively similar growth profile yet almost a perfect split between the mutations (Figure A. 9 and Table A.8). The growth traits in combination with the mutation segregation pattern raised a diverse and convoluted picture, supporting the complex nature of the glycerol utilization phenotype. The crossing procedure was thus subsequently repeated two more times with spores exhibiting the growth phenotype of the ALE2 lineages (Figure 2-8a). The number of candidate causal SNPs could be ultimately reduced to one intergenic mutation and four mutations in ORFs. Two of these mutations were hitting the metabolic genes, GUT1 encoding a glycerol kinase and KGD1 encoding a subunit of the alpha-ket oglutarate dehydrogenase complex, while the other two were affecting genes coding for globally acting signaling/regulatory proteins, viz., UBC13 encoding an E2 ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme and INO80 encoding a nucleosome spacing factor (Figure 2-8b and Table A.8).

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| Genes | ALE2 | A2-2A | A2-3C | A2-4C | 4C-2D | 2D-10B |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| UBC13 | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ |  | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ |
| INO80 | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ |
| GUT1 | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ |
| KGD1 | $\bullet$ |  | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ |
| ORFS | +8 | +3 | +7 | +5 | +1 | +0 |

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d


Figure 2.8. Investigating causal mutations in the WT lineage ALE2. (a) Growth curves observed in tetrad analysis. Strain names correspond to the names in panel b. (b) Mutation mapping during backcross experiment. (c) Growth curves observed in the reengineering of combination of narrowed down triple mutants. R-GUI (GUT1, UBC13 and INO8), R-GKI (GUT1, KGD1 and INO80) and R-GKU (GUT1, KGD1) and UBC13. (d) Growth phenotypes of the two industrially relevant S. cerevisiae isolates L. 1528 (wine yeast from Chile) and CLIB382 (a beer yeast from Ireland) with and without reengineered triple mutations (GUT1, KGD1 and UBC13 identified in ALE2. Growth curves represent two biological replicates. This figure and the corresponding legend text have been adapted from Strucko et al. (2018) [178].

These SNPs were reengineered one by one in a WT CEN.PK113-7D strain. While engineering only one mutation at a time resulted in no growth on minimal $1 \%$ glycerol media, most of the double combinations of mutations showed a synergistic growth improvement that was yet short of the ALE2 growth performance (Figure A. 10 and Figure A.11). Interestingly, a range of growth traits appeared in different double or triple mutants, hinting at a composite quality of the mutations (Figure A.10) . Notably, combining the three mutations found in the two metabolic genes GUT1 and KGD1 and the signaling gene $U B C 13$ (R-GKU strain) restored the full growth phenotype of ALE2 (Figure 2-8c and Figure A.11). Thus, the three SNPs in the genes GUT1 (E572Q), KGD1 (A990D) and UBC13 (R70fs) were identified as additive causal mutations underlying the evolved ability to grow on minimal glycerol medium. Interestingly, tetrad 4A had only one of the causal mutations of full growth phenotype (UBC13 and still was able to grow slightly as opposed to the UBC13 mutation alone (Figure A.10) . Possibly, this tetrads combination of mutations involving UBC13 and resulting in an inferior glycerol phenotype might have evolved early in evolution.

### 2.3.4.2 Identified causal mutations are generally applicable in yeast

Finally, we tested if the three identified causal mutations are of more generic nature and thus would be causative beyond the laboratory CEN.PK strain. Introducing them in two industrial strains from different geographic locations, a wine yeast L. 1528 from Chile and a beer yeast CLIB382 from Ireland, substantially improved their growth on glycerol (Figure 2-8d). This demonstrates the importance of the GUT1, KGD1 and UBC13 modulations for glycerol utilization also in industrial yeasts.

### 2.3.5 Functional assessment of the causal mutations using multi-omics analysis and metabolic modeling

To understand the functional relationships between the identified SNPs and their manifestation on the level of metabolism, the functional impact of each mutation was analyzed. The SNP found in the gene encoding the glycerol kinase Gut1 directly affects the glycerol metabolism. Gut1 phosphorylates glycerol to glycerol-3-phospate as the initial step of glycerol catabolism (Figure $2-1)$. This gene has previously been proven to be indispensable for the utilization of glycerol as its deletion completely abolishes growth [181]. Furthermore, GUT1 was found mutated at several positions leading to amino acid changes when a yeast isolate, which was naturally able to grow on glycerol, was compared to a laboratory yeast showing no growth [181]. The GUT1 variant found in the ALE2 lineage has a single amino acid residue change (E572Q), which is within 12 amino acids distance from the ATP binding site and exchanges a negatively charged with a neutral amino acid. Taking its essential role in the glycerol uptake pathway and the fact that its combination with either the KGD1 or the UBC13 mutation has a beneficial effect on the growth phenotype, it is most likely that the SNP in GUT1 is acting as a gain-of-function mutation
increasing the efficiency of glycerol catabolism (Figure A.10).
While the SNP in GUT1 has an obvious connection to the glycerol metabolism the functional relationship of the SNPs in the genes encoding the proteins Kgd1 and Ubc13 was not clear from their known functions and have not previously been reported in the context of glycerol utilization. To elucidate their implications, transcriptomics and proteomics profiles of the two reconstructed double mutants R-GK (GUT1, KGD1 and R-GU (GUT1, UBC13 as well as the triple mutant R-GKU and the ALE2 lineage grown on minimal glycerol media in well-controlled reactors were analyzed.

### 2.3.5.1 Triple mutant R-GKU captures the majority of the induced transcriptional and proteomic changes of the evolved lineage ALE2

Comparing the ALE2 lineage with the R-GKU triple mutant, 271 genes were found differentially expressed (Figure 2-9a and Table A.9). However, this translated only into three proteins having different levels (Figure 2-9a and Table A.12). Two out of these, Ste3 and Bar1, are proteins involved in mating. The differences in these genes as well as most of the transcriptional changes can be explained (using GO term enrichment) by the opposite mating types of the ALE2 and the WT strain (Table A.13). Together with the observed similar growth physiology, the few differences on transcriptional or proteomic level between the R-GKU strain and the ALE2 lineage further validated that the three mutations constitute the major genetic contributors of efficient glycerol utilization.


Figure 2.9. Functional assessment of the causal mutations for glycerol catabolism. ( $a, b, c$ ) Log2 fold changes (log2FC) of expression and translation of genes from the union of transcriptomic and proteomic data of (a) R-GKU vs. ALE2 (b) R-GK vs. R-GKU and c) R-GU vs. R-GKU. Blue dots depict only significantly changed transcripts ( $\mathrm{p}_{\text {adj }}<0.1$ ), green - only significantly changed levels of proteins ( $\mathrm{p}_{\text {adj }}$ $<0.1$ ), and red - significantly altered levels in both protein and transcript ( $p_{\text {adj }}<$ 0.1 ). (d) Growth curves of the ALE2 lineage and reengineered KGD1 mutant on glucose minimal medium. The absence of the diauxic shift in the KGD1 mutant confirms the loss-of-function mutation leading to a trade-off phenotype lacking the respiratory metabolism. This figure and the corresponding legend text have been reproduced from Strucko et al. (2018) with permission [178]. Parts (a)-(c) have been originally done and written by myself.

### 2.3.5.2 UBC13 mutation acts through mechanisms other than transcriptional or proteomic level changes

UBC13 encodes an E2 ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme, which is involved in the error-free DNA post-replication repair pathway [49]. The $U B C 13$ variant likely results in loss-of-function as the $476 \Delta \mathrm{G}$ mutation caused a translation frame shift with a premature stop codon after the 71st amino acid (Figure A.25). The variant thus lacks its well-described functional regions [5]. However, the binding side with its interaction partner Mms2 possibly remains intact [28]. Considering its involvement in the DNA repair pathway and its relatively broad action of synthesizing K63
ubiquitin chains a loss-of-function mutation in this gene would be expected to affect a broad group of proteins.
However, transcriptomics and proteomics comparison of the R-GK with the R-GKU strain revealed no broad effect of the UBC13 mutation (Figure 2-9b, Table A. 10 and Table A.12). Only Ubc13 protein levels itself was strongly decreased in the triple mutant, which supports the hypothesis that its translation is indeed impaired. This could also explain the considerably higher number of mutations that accumulated in the ALE2 lineage as it is known that the $\Delta \mathrm{Ubc} 13$ mutant has an increased mutation rate [24]. Possibly decreased rates of Ubc13 protein ubiquitylation might be involved in glycerol utilization and a signaling function aside from protein degradation might explain the lack of transcriptional and proteomic effects in our results. It is known for example that several nutrient permeases are targeted for endocytosis by K63 ubiquitin chains [49]. Furthermore, two recent studies showed that a truncated version of the E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase Ubr2 in conjunction with other mutations increased growth on glycerol [74] [180]. But it is important to note, that the mode of action of Ubc13 and Ubr2 are thought to be different and, thus, different mechanisms might be at play in these two cases [49]. Nevertheless, these studies, together with the beneficial role of the $U B C 13$ variant in the glycerol growth phenotype in our study, point to a yet undiscovered function of Ubc13 in glycerol catabolism, possibly carried out via protein ubiquitylation

### 2.3.5.3 KGD1 mutation adjusts redox cofactor utilization by decoupling oxidative phosphorylation from TCA cycle

The third causal mutation is an A990D substitution in the gene KGD1 coding for the $\alpha$ ketoglutarate dehydrogenase complex of the tricarboxylic acid cycle (TCA cycle). This substitution causes a loss of the enzymatic activity as the reengineered strain with the KGD1 mutation fully resembles the $\Delta \mathrm{Kgd} 1$ phenotype with impaired diauxic shift ${ }^{21}$ [154] (Figure 2-9d). Comparing the R-GKU with R-GU strains, again only two out of 96 differentially expressed genes show an effect at the protein level (Figure 2-9c, Table A. 11 and Table A.12). It appears that both affected enzymes are connected to the activity of the TCA cycle, namely Cit3 ${ }^{22}$ and Dld3 ${ }^{23}$. To investigate why an inactivity of Kgd1 would increase the metabolism of glycerol and to explain the observed decreased levels of Cit3 and Dld3, we modeled growth on glycerol using a genome-scale metabolic model of S. cerevisiae [54]. Specifically, we used an in house developed switchPheno algorithm that identifies the minimum number of fluxes that must be re-regulated for a given change in phenotype. In this case, the wild type phenotype is corresponding to optimal growth on glucose and is changed to optimal growth on glycerol. This algorithm might be of particular value for imitating solutions found in evolutionary short-term experiments since the network structure

[^13]that remains constant could be assumed to evolve slowly for novel connections and the shortest pathway solutions will be naturally selected for.


FIGURE 2.10. Pathway schema of $S$. cerevisiae 's central carbon depicting the causal mutations and their metabolic consequences. Fluxes predicted up-regulated and down-regulated when carbon source is shifted from glucose to glycerol (by the switchPheno algorithm) are represented in colored dashed arrows. Highlighted arrows depict observed flux changes estimated by comparing measured metabolite ratios in the KGD1ALE2 (R-GKU) vs. KGD1WT (R-GU) mutants grown in MG medium. GABA: $\Gamma$-aminobutyric acid, SSA: succinate semialdehyde. This figure and the corresponding legend text have been reproduced from Strucko et al. (2018) with permission [178].

The switchPheno algorithm expectedly predicted the required up-regulation of the glycerol uptake pathway with a down regulation of the upper part of glycolysis at the same time (Figure 2-10). Interestingly, optimal growth on glycerol also required a re-regulation of the TCA cycle flux after the 2 -oxoglutarate branching point, namely a down-regulation of the flux going through the reaction catalyzed by Kgd 1 . Simultaneously the flux through the oxidative phosphorylation was up regulated, fed by an increased flux through the GABA shunt, bypassing TCA cycle (Figure $2-10$ ). This implies a decoupling of the relative activities of the TCA cycle and the oxidative phosphorylation. The ability of the KGD1 mutants to metabolize glycerol combined with their simultaneous impairment of the diauxic shift proves that this is indeed the case. This is due to the fact that the metabolization of glycerol needs oxidative phosphorylation, while the ethanol utilization during the diauxic shift would require the activity of the full TCA cycle. Glycerol
carbons are more reduced than glucose or ethanol carbons and yield more NADH per C-mole when metabolized. Thus, lower relative TCA cycle activity might be required to produce less NADH and oxidative phosphorylation is required to regenerate NAD+. The GABA shunt on the contrary could enhance glycerol utilization by generating $\mathrm{NADPH}^{24}$ instead of $\mathrm{NADH}^{25}$. Concomitantly, the model predicts a decreased flux through the NADP+ utilizing pentose phosphate pathway (PPP). Supportively, when the GABA shunt is active ${ }^{26}$ a pathway intermediate has been suggested to trigger the repression of DLD3 [107]. Lastly, the modeled metabolic flux alterations were supported by changes observed in the TCA cycle metabolites (Figure 2-10 and Table A.14). The identified KGD1 loss-of-function mutation thus reveals a novel and non-intuitive link between the TCA cycle operation and glycerol metabolism.

### 2.4 Conclusions and future directions

This chapter demonstrates the versatility of yeast's metabolic network to adapt to changes in the nutritional environment. The ability to grow on glycerol as the sole carbon source was acquired within 80 to 300 generations, depending of the mode of adaptive evolution. Only three point mutations were necessary to rewire the metabolic network flux and change the phenotypic outcome as drastically as from no growth at all to efficient growth on glycerol. Furthermore, two different strategies ${ }^{27}$ of the adapted yeast lineages were identified to rewire the metabolic network. Both included a mutation in a gene with broad and systemic regulatory reach, which is typically observed in adaptive evolution [32]. Interestingly, both strategies achieved the same maximum growth rate exemplifying the redundancy of the cellular metabolic network regulation. However, both adaptation strategies were accompanied by metabolic fitness trade-offs regarding other nutrient sources or environments. The lineages displayed either sensitivity towards osmotic stress as a cause of the impairment of the HOG signaling pathway or the lack of respiratory metabolism because of a lack-of-function mutation in the enzyme Kgd1. These trade-offs offer an explanation to why yeast isolates show sub-optimal or no capacity for glycerol metabolism. From an evolutionary standpoint, these would heavily compromise $S$. cerevisiae survival strategies, since growth in high glucose concentration environments as well as the subsequent utilization of ethanol are essential in its natural habitats [85] [206]. In a broader perspective, these results show how the metabolic capability of a species can remain latent, and how it can be uncovered through laboratory evolution.
Studying the lineage harboring the KGD1 mutation more deeply reveals that efficient growth on glycerol as sole carbon source is a complex trait requiring synergistic interactions between, in this case, three genes, including genes in metabolic pathways and regulatory processes.

[^14]Besides verifying the known target GUT1, our study was able to identify two novel non-intuitive mutations in the context of glycerol utilization, namely KGD1 and UBC13. This novel link exemplifies our limited understanding of metabolic network interplay and its function, regulation and requirements. Analyzing the functional implications of the KGD1 mutation in greater depth revealed redirection of fluxes in the central carbon metabolism. Namely an up-regulation of the oxidative phosphorylation combined with the concomitant down regulation of TCA cycle flux and the likely up-regulation of the GABA shunt as predicted by modeling. As glycerol has a higher reduction state than glucose, it probably requires a different wiring of NAD+ utilizing pathways and a change in the network redox flux balance in order to be metabolized. Metabolic modeling has thus proven to be a useful tool for the interpretation as well as integration of multi-omics data as it could explain the novel and non-intuitive link between the TCA cycle operation and glycerol metabolism.


HUMAN GENOME-SCALE METABOLIC MODEL FOR FLUX BALANCE ANALYSIS

## Summary

In the third part of this thesis $I$ present the results of an improved version of a human genome-scale metabolic model (GEMM) for constrained based modeling techniques. Unlike model organisms like yeast, for which genome-scale models have been developed and optimized for various applications including constrained based modeling for more than a decade, genome-scale models for human cells are relatively new in their application. A review of the currently available genome-scale metabolic models for human revealed a lack of models with robust predictive capability of basic metabolic phenotypes, such as lactate secretion under hypoxic growth conditions. To overcome this limitation, we revised the available human genome-scale metabolic model HMR2 to make phenotype predictions matching more closely the available experimental data. The major changes encompass the introduction of a "mitochondrial intra-membrane" space (adapted from Swainston 2016) to improve the prediction of respiratory ATP synthesis, the revision of reactions from the beta-oxidation pathway and auxiliary enzymes and the introduction of an ATP maintenance cost. Furthermore, atomically unbalanced reactions were removed, the directionality of reactions was constraint where infeasible, exchange reactions were revised and new reactions were added. Lastly, the uptake and release constraints for metabolites were adapted to closely mimic the environment present in a human cell culture system. In addition, we revised the gene-reaction associations to make the model also more suitable for integrating transcriptomics and proteomics data. As a benchmark we compared the revised model's predictions with the available metabolic phenotypic data as well as data from a gene essentiality study of human cell cultures. The resulting model provides a valuable resource for constraint based metabolic modeling of human cells and tissues.

This revised human model is an essential part of this thesis, as it will be used for omics data integration in chapter IV. In this project I worked together with Dr. Paula Jouhten (currently at VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd), with whom I shared the revision work, the phenotypic flux predictions and the major part of the benchmark procedure. I also collaborated with Sergej Andrejev from EMBL Heidelberg, who assisted me with the calculation of the model's predicted essential genes. I am first author of the manuscript (currently in preparation) and contribute to all aspects of the publication (Katharina Zirngibl, Paula Jouhten, Sergej Andrejev, Kiran Raosaheb Patil, Human metabolic model for flux balance analysis, Manuscript in preparation.).

### 3.1 Introduction

### 3.1.1 Genome-scale metabolic network reconstructions

GEMMs belong to the family of COBRA approach and allow the usage of these modeling techniques at the genome scale (see General Introduction chapter for more details about COBRA) [130]. Conceptually, a GEMM comprises the sum of all known biochemical reactions of an organism of interest (reactome) assembled in a network, which is employable for computation [102]. Besides the individual reactions, their substrates, products, stoichiometric coefficients and reversibility, the biochemical network reconstructions can include additional information, such as the compartment of the reactions or the genes coding for the enzymes associated with the reactions, so called gene-protein-reaction (GPR) associations [130] [11]. Thus, a genome-scale reconstruction can also be viewed as the knowledge bases for the systemized genome-scale assembly of cellular metabolism and other disparate information about an organism of interest. In order to be usable by constraint-based simulation methods, such as FBA, a genome-scale reconstruction must be converted into a computational model. This is achieved by converting the network topology of metabolic reactions into a chemically accurate mathematical representation. More specifically a numerical matrix is created in which each reaction is represented by the stoichiometric coefficients of its participating metabolites (Figure 3-1) [102]. Furthermore, each reaction can be assigned to constraints, which are mathematically represented either in the form of reaction equations that have to be balanced, or reaction equations that are unbalanced but have upper and lower flux bounds (e.g. metabolite uptake or secretion rates of exchange reactions) [130].

The first GEMM reconstruction constituted the GEMM for Haemophilus influenzae [43]. Since then, a collection of GEMMs has been built, including a number of model organisms such as GEMMs for Escherichia coli, Saccharomyces cerevisiae, Drosophila melanogaster, Mus musculus and many more [132][54][134][48][175]. The reconstruction of organismal models at the genome-scale level is a laborious and time-consuming task including the assembly of thousands of reactions and the integration of varying degrees of metadata [102], which is why several attempts have been made to automate this process [39][144][2][70][7][86]. However, all these methods follow bottom-up approaches and most are only semi-automated, which often lead to the reconstruction of models not yet ready for simulation, implying additional manual curation [110]. Recently a novel method has been published, suggesting a top-down approach included in a fully automated process, which results in more robust models and thus greatly reduces the amount of manual curation work [110]. However, this new reconstruction method as well as others with full automation level are limited to simpler, prokaryotic organisms [110] [70]. Thus, the generation of models for more complex multi-cellular eukaryotic organisms still shows only a limited level of automation and needs a lot of manual revision.


Figure 3.1. After the metabolic network has been assembled, it must be converted into a mathematical representation. This conversion is performed using a stoichiometric $(\mathrm{S})$ matrix in which the stoichiometry of each metabolite involved in a reaction is enumerated. Reactions form the columns of this matrix and metabolites the rows. Each metabolite's entry corresponds to its stoichiometric coefficient in the corresponding reaction. Negative coefficient substrates are consumed (reactants) and positive coefficients are produced (products). Figure and figure legend have been reproduced from O'Brian (2015) with permission [130].

### 3.1.2 Application areas of GEMMs

GEMMs in combination with COBRA methods have now been successfully used for more than 15 years to model phenotypic states and predict a range of metabolic and associated cellular functions based on environmental and genetic parameters [20][130]. The most basic use case consists in predicting cellular growth capabilities under different media compositions. Many other types of applications have been developed, which have been summarized by Oberhardt et al. in five broad categories, namely "(1) contextualization of high-throughput data, (2) guidance of metabolic engineering, (3) directing hypothesis-driven discovery, (4) interrogation of multi-species relationships, and (5) network property discovery" [129]. Each category exhibits studies in diverse areas. The connected areas of application include successes like modeling transcription, translation and metabolism to gain an integrated picture of cell functions [173][150][47][57][108] (1), modeling metabolic effects of genetic perturbations for rational strain design or extitin silico design of media for industrial biochemical production [111][22][184][137] (2), the study of diseases with associated metabolic traits, the discovery of new human metabolic capabilities and the development of cancer drug targets or antibiotic design [188][69][20][102][52][57][91] (3), modeling of metabolic interactions, cross-feeding and nutrient competition between different species within a microbial community [208][202][147][55][162][93](4) and the uncovering of genetic interaction networks, transcriptional regulatory networks and underlying principles for optimal flux states and cellular metabolism, studying enzyme and organismal pathway evolution and assessing the theoretical metabolic capabilities [79][71][174][193][185][13][12][53][136][200][149][166] (5). Depending on the intended modeling approach, the GEMM might need tailoring or extensions
towards specific aspects. However, most of the above-mentioned modeling applications require reliable flux predictions. Thus, GEMMs whose reaction networks accurately reflect the complexity of real organisms' metabolism and whose constraints are well set, e.g. do not violate thermodynamic laws or closely mirror physiological uptake/secretion rates, are a valuable resource for metabolic modeling approaches. Furthermore, a comprehensive set of metadata like reaction-associated gene and protein products (formulated in GPRs) are instrumental for most of these applications.

### 3.1.3 Current human genome-scale metabolic models and their limitations

Currently available and important human GEMMs are listed in Table III-1.
TABLE 3.1. List of the major releases of human models. The table was compiled from the downloaded models. As a comparison the human genome has 20376 genes annotated in the current genome release (GRCh38.p12, updated Jan 2018) and 11896 reactions are recorded for the human metabolism. *Only literature values available. The number of indicated genes for Recon 2 probably includes transcripts. The number of listed reactions for Recon 2 includes exchange reactions.

| Version | \# Genes | \# Metabolites | \# Reactions | \# Compartments | Reference | Journal | Date |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Recon 1 | 1496 | 2766 | 3337 | 8 | Duarte et al. | PNAS | Nat. |
| Recon 2 | $1789^{*}$ | $5063^{*}$ | $7440^{* *}$ | $8^{*}$ | Thiele et al. | Nat. Biotechnology | 03.03 .2007 |
| Recon 2Q | 1763 | 4962 | 6686 | 8 | Quek et al. | J of Biotechnology | 05.06 .2014 |
| Recon 2.2 | 1675 | 5324 | 7092 | 9 | Swainston et al. | Metabolomics | 07.06 .2016 |
| Recon 2M.1 | 1682 | 3368 | 5273 | 9 | Ryu et al. | PNAS | 24.10 .2017 |
| Recon 2M.2 | 1663 | 3368 | 5290 | 9 | Ryu et al. | PNAS | 24.10 .2017 |
| Recon 3D | 1884 | 5834 | 9040 | 9 | Brunk et al. | Nat. Biotechnology | 19.02 .2018 |
| HMR | 3668 | 5599 | 7685 | 8 | Mardinoglu et al. Mol. Systems Biology | 19.03 .2013 |  |
| HMR2 | 3765 | 5546 | 7721 | 8 | Mardinoglu et al. | Nat. Communication | 14.01 .2014 |

Generally, there are two families of reconstructed human GEMMs, the Recon and the HMR family, of which the Recon family was developed earlier. The first human GEMM released was Recon 1 from Duarte 2007, which represented a mile stone for human metabolic modeling and built the foundation for the following GEMMs. The model encompassed $7.3 \%$ of the currently known open reading frames (Ensembl GRCh38.p12, updated Jan 2018) ${ }^{1}$ and $28.1 \%$ of reactions recorded for the human metabolism (11896 reactions according to Reactome statistics, 2018/09/18) ${ }^{2}$ [41] (Table III-1). Since Recon 1, several revised and updated Recon versions have been published. The first revision constituted Recon 2, which not only doubled the number of included reactions and metabolites (including vitamin E metabolism and glycoshpingolipid metabolism), but also experimentally validated model predictions for biomarkers and extracellular metabolites for the first time [187]. It furthermore incorporated additional metadata on drug-enzyme mappings. The next bigger update of Recon 2, in the following called Recon 2Q, was published by Quek et al. and included minor revisions for inconsistencies and duplications in metabolite and reaction names, formulas, balances, charges and annotations [151]. Also reactions where free metabolites were produced were removed, the input and output reactions reduced to a minimum and the biomass

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equation was adjusted. More importantly, this model aimed at revising flux predictions, however on the cost of greatly reducing the model to only 357 core reactions mostly from the central carbon metabolism. The following major release encompasses Recon 2.2 [179] which incorporates several smaller and partially independent updates of Recon 2 , such as a finer description of lipids and partial removal of unbalanced reactions involving generic metabolites (Recon 2.1), improved transport reactions [159], added drug metabolic reconstruction [160] and the correction of Recon 2 [151]. Furthermore, extensive manual curation focusing on balancing reactions, a better representation of energy generation on different carbon sources and a revision of reaction consistency was applied. These revisions increased the number of included reactions to $60.0 \%$ of the known metabolic reactions taking place in human cells and added the mitochondrial intra-membrane space as a novel compartment to the model. Since then the Recon M. 1 and M. 2 successions incorporated, based on Recon 2Q, minor revisions and included transcript annotations in the GPRs, which are compatible with transcript level data [158]. Finally, Recon 3D, which appeared early this year and is based on Recon 2, additionally includes three-dimensional metabolite and protein structure data. It also further expands the model by increasing the number of included reactions to 9040 ( $76.0 \%$ of the currently available reactions in the reactome database). Furthermore, it slightly increases the number of included genes, which are now covering $9.2 \%$ of the known open reading frames [23]. Until now the HMR series has released only two models, the original HMR model published in 2013 simultaneously with Recon2 and a revised version HMR2 published one year later. HMR was reconstructed based on Recon 1, several databases, e.g. HMDB, and experimental data measuring protein availability [115]. HMR holds, in comparison to the Recon 2 version at that time, more reactions and associated genes, and since it was mainly based on experimental data from adipocytes, a more comprehensive lipid metabolism [115]. HMR2 is an extension of HMR and even further extends the lipid metabolism as well as hepatocyte specific reactions by incorporating clinical, biochemical and genetic studies, large-scale proteomics data and previously published hepatocyte models [116]. HMR2 includes, with 3765 genes, $18.5 \%$ of known open reading frames and with 7721 reactions $64.9 \%$ of the reactions in the reactome database. Thus, it is comparable in its extent with the newest Recon 3D model.

### 3.1.4 Aim and approach

At the beginning of this project, no comprehensive human model was available, which reproduced experimentally observed basic phenotypes with FBA. However, as outlined above such a model is indispensable for most modeling applications and the analysis of phenotypes outside of central carbon metabolism. In order to get a human model suitable for analyses like gene-pathway enrichments, omics integration and metabolic flux predictions, reactions, constraints and genereaction associations of the human metabolic model HMR2 were revised. We decided to base our model on HMR2 because this model is more comprehensive than the comparable version of Recon 2 (released at the same time) as it holds the bigger collection of reactions, metabolites and genes
(e.g. more vitamin related reactions and metabolites) [187][116]. Furthermore, it exhibits an extended and revised, fatty acid metabolism [116]. The model will be utilized in a later part of this thesis for the integration of experimental omics data, which focuses on the study of an aggressive form of breast cancer with altered lipid metabolism. Thus, a more detailed lipid metabolism could be valuable for the accuracy of the predictions.

For the model revision, the exchange rates of the model were first adapted to experimentally measured values, and transport reactions added where necessary. Second, improvements of other released models were implemented in case they added to the overall accuracy of the model or the flux predictions. Third, flux relevant reactions were identified and revised and flux irrelevant reactions were excluded (e.g. blocked reactions, reactions for protein modification). An important emphasize was put on excluding atomically unbalanced reactions, since they could greatly bias the phenotypic flux predictions by violating the principle of mass conservation and possibly providing "free" metabolites. Furthermore, we introduced directionality constraints for thermodynamically unfavorable reaction fluxes where possible from the software tool "eQuilibrator" ${ }^{3}$ and revised the fatty acid beta-oxidation pathway and auxiliary enzyme reactions [51]. Lastly, the gene-reaction associations were revised. After the revisions the model was improved and benchmarked with regard to its capability to predict essential metabolic reactions and experimental data concerning observed metabolic behaviors.

### 3.2 Materials and Methods

### 3.2.1 Original human model

The human genome-scale metabolic model HMR2 including its gene-reaction associations was used as a base model for revision [116]. This is a generic human cell model with a revised lipid metabolism. The downloaded HMR2 model (November 2015) contains 7721 reactions (excluding exchange reactions), 5546 compartmentalized metabolites, 8 compartments and 3765 genes associated with the reactions. The revised model and its metadata are available in BioOpt as well as SBML format.

### 3.2.2 Revisions

### 3.2.2.1 Exchange and transport reactions

The original HMR2 model does not possess any constraints on exchange or transport reaction fluxes other than those imposed by directionality. Uptake constraints for exchange reaction fluxes were derived from an experimental study of metabolite consumption rates of human cell lines in rich medium conducted by Jain et al. [80]. For exchange reactions whose metabolites were measured, the uptake constraints were set according to the changes in the metabolite

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consumption rates after cultivating the cells for up to five days. Therefore, the highest measured consumption rate (biggest depletion in the spent medium) across all 60 cell lines was determined for each metabolite (Table A.15). The highest metabolite consumption rate (fmol / cell / h) was then converted into metabolic uptake fluxes ( $\mathrm{mmol} /\left(\mathrm{gDW} \mathrm{h}\right.$ ) ) estimating that $10^{10}$ cells constitute 1 gDW (Table A.15). The determined flux was set as the maximum uptake constraint (upper bounds) of the respective metabolite's exchange reaction flux. Transport and exchange reactions were created in case they didn't yet exist for this metabolite. If none of the cell lines consumed the metabolite, the maximum uptake constraints were set to zero even if the metabolite was enriched in the media. All secretion constraints were generally left open. The implementation of uptake constraints according to cells' experimentally measured consumption rates was followed by a growth feasibility testing with minimal media analysis. This was necessary since the experimental data did not include measurements for all metabolites needed for the cell (due to analytical limitations). In short, starting with a set of experimentally observed uptake/secretion constraints, MILP simulations were run to calculate minimal set of additional metabolites required for cell growth. This procedure was run iteratively to also fine tune the uptake rates for vitamins and other components to minimal amounts needed since these components cannot be used as a carbon/nitrogen source. Additional constraints for uptake reaction fluxes were thus added accordingly to enable feasible growth (Table A.16). Finally, core metabolites were manually checked for their flux values and shadow prices under FBA with growth optimality and changed if necessary to ensure sensible flux routes for these metabolites as well as no artificial limitations on growth (Table A.16). All remaining uptake reactions were constrained to zero.

### 3.2.2.2 Improvements based on previously published models

The revisions and improvements of the two previously published human GEMM from the Recon family, Recon 2.2 and Recon 2M.1, were systematically checked and implemented in case they were applicable to HMR2 and added to the overall accuracy of the model or the flux predictions. Only these two models were reviewed since Recon 2.2 integrates all changes from previous models (see Introduction chapter) and Recon 2M.1, which was published later, has independent changes implemented. Recon 3D was only published after the revisions were already completed. All integrated changes are listed in Table A.17.

### 3.2.2.3 Thermodynamically infeasible reaction directionalities

We introduced constraints for reaction directionalities that are thermodynamically unfavorable and thus made them irreversible (Table A.18). For this revision we mainly focused on central carbon metabolism as it carries the highest fluxes and is the pathway from which the fluxes to other pathways are distributed. The software tool "eQuilibrator" ${ }^{4}$ was used to calculate the $\Delta \mathrm{G}$ of reactions [51]. Since the metabolite concentrations are unknown, constraints were

[^17]only implemented for reactions with an absolute $\Delta \mathrm{G}$ bigger than 10 to exclude reactions that reverse upon physiological changes of concentrations. Additionally, reaction directionalities were compared with current knowledge in the literature.

### 3.2.2.4 Exclusion of reactions with non-metabolic function

We went manually through all groups of pathways in the model and systematically identified reactions, which carried non-(core-)metabolic functions. Since they were neither necessary for growth nor conceptually relevant for flux predictions, we decided to remove these reactions instead of including their products in the biomass equation (Table A.19). The rationale being that their inclusion would skew, e.g., the gene essentiality predictions. Reaction groups that were identified were reactions that contained protein modifications (AA -> [protein]-AA +H 20 ) or were associated with the production of protein or membrane modifications ( N -glycan, heparan sulfate, O-Glycan, chondroitin sulfate or keratan sulfate) as well as reactions that were associated with protein biosynthesis, degradation or transport. To account for the energy requirements associated with processes like protein synthesis or modification we introduced maintenance costs in the form of ATP. Therefore the minimal flux of the ATP depletion reaction ATP[c] + H2O[c] => ADP[c] + $\mathrm{Pi}[\mathrm{c}]$ was varied between 0 and $1 \mathrm{mmol} /(\mathrm{gDW} \mathrm{h})$ for simulating different growth independent ATP maintenance requirements.

### 3.2.2.5 Revision of the beta-oxidation pathway

We manually curated the beta-oxidation pathway and the reactions of auxiliary enzymes as there were inconstancies between the model's reaction topology and the current biochemical knowledge (Table A.20) [72] [146] [73].

### 3.2.2.6 Atomically unbalanced reactions

Atomically unbalanced reactions were identified with the 'check_elemental_balance' function from the carve me package (version 1.2) [110]. All reactions, which were identified as unbalanced and are not exchange reactions or biomass formation reactions, were further manually examined to exclude the violation of the principle of mass conversation (Table A.21).

### 3.2.2.7 Blocked and isolated reactions

Blocked reactions were identified with the framed python package (version 0.5) for metabolic modeling [110]. First, a complete medium was created for the model by allowing all exchange reactions to carry flux. Blocked reactions were subsequently determined with the 'blocked_reactions' function uTtilizing FVA [113]. Isolated reactions and reaction loops were identified through missing network connectivity with Cytoscape (version 3.5.1) [171]. All blocked and isolated reactions if not already excluded earlier (2.2.4), were removed from the model (Table A.22).

### 3.2.2.8 GPR associations

The GPR associations of all reactions of the fatty acid beta-oxidation and its auxiliary enzymes as well as of the major growth influencing reactions of the central carbon metabolism and amino acid and vitamin synthesis were manually revised according to databases ${ }^{5}$ and literature review (Table A.23) [153] (The UniProt Consortium 2017) [72] [146] [73].

### 3.2.2.9 Gene essentiality comparison with experimental data

Gene essentiality predictions were compared to experimentally validated data on gene essentiality of human cell lines [192]. For this comparison, a gene was considered experimentally essential if at least three out of the four tested cell lines exhibited an essentiality for this gene in the CRISPR-based screen. The definition of essentiality was taken from the experimental work, namely a growth reduction of more than $10 \%$ with an FDR cutoff for the adjusted p-value of less than 0.1 ( 0.05 in the study). For the simulation of gene essentiality extitin silico the impact of single gene deletions on growth was iteratively evaluated by performing FBA on mutants, in which the respective reactions are blocked according to the GPR associations. The simulations were performed with FBA and maximizing for growth was set as an objective function. A modeled phenotype was defined as non-viable if the predicted growth rate was less than $50 \%$ of the maximum growth rate. The media composition of the experimental study was similar to the media composition in Jain et al., which was used to constrain the uptakes of our model. Additional uptakes were implemented in the model in case a metabolite, which affected the predicted viability, was present in the media of the experimental screen and hasn't been measured by Jain et al. (Table A.24). The maximum uptake was set above the metabolite's growth limitation in case its synthesis was impaired. Before its inclusion it was ensured that the metabolite's uptake by human cells has been shown in literature. One major challenge constitutes the chemically undefined component fetal calf serum. Metabolites for which it was unclear, whether they are present in the experimental media or not, were included if classified as a blood component in the human metabolome database (HMDB) [197]. The performance metrics used to evaluate the gene essentiality predictions of the model were defined as follows:
Sensititvity = TP_c/(TP_c + FN_c)
Specificity $=$ TN_c/(TN_c + FP_c)
Precision = TP_c/(TP_c + FP_c)
Accuracy $=($ TP_c + TN_c $) /\left(T P \_c+F P \_c+T N \_c+F N \_c\right)$
F1_score $=2^{*}$ TP_c/(2*TP_c + FN_c + FP_c $)$
For the comparison, a subset of genes present in the model and in the experimental data was built.

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### 3.2.3 Phenotypic flux predictions

After implementing the above-mentioned model curations, phenotypic flux predictions were obtained with flux variability analysis (FVA) of glucose and glutamine uptakes as well as lactate secretions optimizing for growth under a range of different oxygen uptake bounds [113]. Since the effect of oxygen uptake on metabolic fluxes and growth is the greatest in low oxygen conditions, these were sampled more closely. All the simulations were performed with Matlab R2015a v. 8.5.0 using IBM ILOG CPLEX (v. 12.6.1) functions 'cplexlp'.

### 3.2.4 Technical details

The import/export of SBML files was obtained through the libSBML API using the load_cbmodel of the framed python package (version 0.5) for metabolic modeling [18] [110]. BioOpt files were imported through the 'read_cbmodel_from_file' function of framed. SBML format was converted into BioOpt format by our internal parser. The IBM ILOG CPLEX Optimizer (version 12.8.0) was used for solving the MILP problems unless noted differently. All simulations were conducted with Python 2.7.13. The biostatistical analysis was conducted using R V.3.3.1 (R Core Team 2018).

### 3.3 Results and Discussion

### 3.3.1 Model features

In summary, we added 292 reaction constraints and 70 reactions, changed 198 reactions and 420 GPRs and removed 1569 reactions. Thus the new model was reduced to 6222 active reactions (excluding exchange reactions), 3487 unique genes and 4770 compartmentalized metabolites (without boundary metabolites) distributed amongst 9 compartments. Although smaller than the original HMR2 model it still retains the rich complexity of a genome-scale model.

### 3.3.2 Newly revised model is condensed focusing on flux relevant changes

In order to build a model consistently usable for flux predictions, HMR2 was first reduced to contain strictly metabolic reactions. A total of 744 reactions were removed from the model since they carried biological functions instead of metabolic functions and were neither necessary for growth nor conceptually relevant for flux predictions (Table A.19). The majority of these reactions were involved in the synthesis of protein or membrane modifications, namely the synthesis of glycans and heparan, chondroitin or keratan sulfates. Alternatively, the produced metabolites could be included in the biomass formulation to account for the impact of the cell's requirements of signaling molecules on metabolism. In this case it would be necessary to ensure that the flux specification implemented for these reactions reflect a metabolic requirement common to all cells. Possibly general maintenance costs for protein and membrane modification, carefully estimated from experimental data, could be included. Attempts have been made to include
regulatory interactions into GEMMs [29] and model the influence of the signaling alterations on metabolism. However, this approach has so far been applied only to organisms with small genomes, such as bacteria. The remaining 117 reactions, which were excluded are reactions associated with the biosynthesis, degradation or transport of specific proteins, such as proteins involved in various biological functions, such as lipid transport (e.g. VLDL), blood coagulation (e.g. fibrinogen), protease inhibitors (e.g. antitrypsin) or globular proteins (e.g. albumin). To account for the energy requirements associated with the general synthesis of proteins or protein modifications we introduced ATP maintenance costs. The amino acid requirements for protein synthesis are already adequately considered in the model and implemented in the biomass equation [116]. The atom balance of all remaining reactions was evaluated next in order to exclude a possible bias on phenotypic flux prediction introduced by free mass generation. The majority of the reactions identified as atomically unbalanced are exchange reactions between the extracellular compartment and the boundary or are involved in biomass formation. Only one of the inspected unbalanced reactions concerning lipid metabolism generated free mass and was therefore corrected (Table A.21). Furthermore, all reactions should be able to carry fluxes when all possible exchange reactions are active. 798 blocked and 9 isolated reactions were excluded from the model (Table A.22). Many of the blocked reactions are involved in the transport between different compartments of the model. Instead of removing these reactions, the availability of these metabolites in the respective compartments as well as their biological function could be carefully evaluated in databases. Additionally, blocked reactions are associated with the synthesis or degradation of membrane lipids, vitamins, hormones and neurotransmitters or involved in biological processes like translation or the biosynthesis of amino acids from rare intermediates. Manual curation and careful consideration would be needed in order to connect these reactions to the rest of the metabolic network and include them in a flux-revised model. Interestingly, a few of the reactions, which were changed according to revisions of reactions in Recon 2.2 are blocked as well [179]. Additional major improvements were the implementation of 80 reaction (i.e. flux) constraints and the restriction of 158 reactions for thermodynamically feasible directions in a biological context (Table A.18). Furthermore, the stoichiometry of 56 reactions was updated, 55 reactions were added and 17 reactions were removed during the revision of the beta-oxidation pathway (Table A.20). We ensured that flux could run through the beta-oxidation pathway after its curation. One of the most flux relevant improvements included in this model, which is taken from previous models, is the implementation of a mitochondrial intramembrane space [179] (Table A.17). The creation of an additional mitochondrial compartment improves the prediction on respiratory ATP synthesis (see chapter III-3.7). Other improvements incorporated from previous models cover the addition of cofactor reactions and the revision of reactions from the lipid metabolism (Table A.17). TPR reaction-associations of Recon 2M. 1 are not adopted in this model since the transcript specific reaction and localization associations are based on predictions from EFICAz2.5 and Wolf PSort only [158]. The manually curated
improvements for reactions identified by this approach are implemented in the revised model (Table A.17). I additionally analyzed the potential of transcript specific reaction and localization associations based on their predictions. I identified 14 cases from the 453 reported transcripts for which different transcripts, which are associated with the same gene are predicted to be found in different compartments (12) or to carry out different reactions (2). Thus, as long as not more comprehensive information is available, the impact of integrating these specific cases on the whole model's prediction is negligible.

### 3.3.3 Constraining nutrient uptake rates in complex media

Experimentally determined uptake constraints for 101 metabolites were added to the model [80] (Table A.15). Aside from constraints for uptake reactions of glucose and amino acids a wide range of additional metabolites is covered, including nucleotides, amino acid derivatives, glycolysis intermediates, TCA and urea cycle intermediates and vitamins. To ensure the model's growth feasibility, uptakes for a computationally identified minimal set of 23 additional media components were added to the model (Table A.16). The majority of these components encompassed nonmeasured inorganic chemicals such as water, calcium, potassium or iron or vitamins. Additionally, the uptake bounds of three amino acids and the vitamin derivative pantothenate were edited after manual inspection of flux distributions. Already Recon2Q implemented experimentally measured values for 26 metabolites (mostly amino acids) into their reduced steady-state flux model [151]. However, this media composition presents the first attempt to define uptake flux constraints from a complex media composition in a generic human GEMM.

### 3.3.4 Tailoring the GPR associations to improve the predictability of flux distributions of GEMMs personalized with omics data

In total the GPR associations of 420 reactions were changed (Table A.23). The revisions encompass different metabolic pathways, the most important being glycolysis, TCA cycle, amino acid synthesis, oxidative phosphorylation, Acyl-CoA hydrolysis, beta-oxidation and vitamin metabolism. For the revision, we implemented the improved gene-reaction associations from the human Recon2.2 model [179], which were in addition manually curated by us. These revisions are crucial for various applications, such as the modeling of drug target efficacy with gene knockouts or the prediction of gene essentiality (see 3.6). The improvement of these GPR associations is specifically valuable for flux predictions in the context of omics data integration. A successful use case will be presented in chapter IV.

### 3.3.5 Essentiality predictions of the model match experimentally validated human essential genes

To evaluate the predictive capability of the revised HMR2 model including its GPR associations, the predictions of the model on gene essentiality were compared with a set of experimentally determined essential metabolic genes [192] (Figure 3-2a). Since the experimental essentials were determined in a complex media the results of the first comparison were used to review the uptake constraints of our curated model. After manually revising the literature, uptakes for twelve additional metabolites were added and the uptakes of two metabolites were changed (Table A.24).


Figure 3.2. Comparative assessment of gene essentiality. (a) Intersection of the sets of experimentally determined and model wise predicted essential genes. (b) Quantitative comparison of gene essentiality predictions between the original and revised HMR2 model. (c) Predicted proportion of the model wild type's maximum growth rate after single gene knockouts.

The set of experimentally essential genes is one order of magnitude bigger than the set of the model wise predicted essential genes ( 342 genes vs. 31 genes, sensitivity $=5.6 \%$, Figure $3-2 b)$. The low sensitivity might be partially owned to the way essentiality is defined in the experimental assay. All genes, which induce a growth reduction of more than $10 \%$ compared to the wild type, are considered essential. Increasing this threshold to $25 \%$ or $50 \%$ does not improve the intersection of the predictions with the experimental gene set. Possibly, the establishment of the assay does not allow the assessment of essentiality beyond the growth reduction threshold of $10 \%$. However, the experimental gene set might still include genes, which are not strictly essential in the definition of non-viable, but might impede growth. The predictions of growth rates as a consequence of gene loss obtained by simulations with a current metabolic model on the contrary are of rather binary behavior and cannot capture continuous changes of viability (Figure 3-2c). Having those two contrary assessment approaches might partially explain the low sensitivity. One additional reason might be the inherently problematic annotation of isoenzymes in a generic human model. Most of the reactions in the model have at least two isoenzymes annotated according to the GPRs ( $78.7 \%$ in the revised model), however in reality only one of these isoenzymes might be actively transcribed in the respective cell type or culturing conditions. For these reasons, the more precise assessment of the predictive capability of gene essentiality of a metabolic model is precision, where only the correctly and incorrectly called essential genes from the model are compared. The precision increased after the model revision from $25.0 \%$ to $61.3 \%$ in comparison to the original HMR2 model (Figure $3-2 \mathrm{~b}$ ). The wrongly predicted essential genes are mostly connected to nucleotide metabolism and cofactor metabolism and could be further improved. The specificity and accuracy of the revised model's predictions are $99.6 \%$ and $90.1 \%$. However, these two measurements are typically inflated in metabolic models due to a large number of true negatives [158].

### 3.3.6 Model predicts general phenotypes compatible with experimental growth data

To benchmark the performance of the curated HMR2 model we conducted FVA [113] under a range of upper oxygen uptake bounds and compared the results to the simulation predictions obtained from the original HMR2. The flux predictions for reactions consuming or producing major carbon and nitrogen sources in dependence to oxygen availability are depicted in Figure 3-3.


Figure 3.3. Phenotypic benchmark of the revised model. Flux variability analysis of the original and curated HMR2 model for growth optimality under a range of upper oxygen uptake bounds. The upper and lower bound of fluxes through reactions consuming the metabolites glucose (D-Glc) and glutamine (L-Gln) and producing the metabolite lactate (L-Lac) are depicted.

The growth limitation under low oxygen availability is more accurately predicted by the revised HMR2 model than by the original model. Furthermore, the revised model also predicts, in contrast to the original model, the simultaneously required lactate secretion. Interestingly, lactate secretion is also possible under high oxygen concentrations, which has been observed in cancer cells [84]. The improved prediction of anaerobic glycolysis is coupled with the more flexible predictions for the uptake reactions of the major carbon and nitrogen sources glucose and glutamine. Under low oxygen conditions, all available glucose has to be uptaken to fulfill the energy demands of the cell. Additionally glutamine is required to be up taken for maximum growth and used to fuel the TCA cycle and the remaining capacity of oxidative phosphorylation [141]. Under high oxygen conditions there is more freedom to distribute the two metabolites and alternatively use them for glycolysis, oxidative phosphorylation and amino acid precursors. The improved prediction behavior of lactate, glucose and glutamine will be particularly important in the context of cancer cell related flux predictions.

### 3.4 Conclusions and perspectives

In this chapter, the development of a revised human GEMM with improved flux prediction behavior was presented. Major changes involve the implementation of experimental uptake constraints from a complex media composition, the revision of reaction directionalities and gene-reaction associations and the correction of the complete beta-oxidation pathway and auxiliary enzyme reactions. These revisions improved the predictability of human gene essentiality and a more realistic flux behavior of major metabolic pathways like glycolysis and oxidative phosphorylation. Comparing the simulation results with experimental data, the implemented improvements have been shown to be particularly relevant for simulations in cancer related contexts. Further areas of improvements for even more precise flux predictions could be more peripheral pathways, like fatty acid biosynthesis, which up to now are still poorly determined in their flux distributions. These pathways as well as the major metabolic pathways could be improved by incorporating additional flux constraints estimated from acquired metabolite concentrations and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ labeling data. Furthermore, constraints for secretion reaction fluxes could be set. Additionally, the sensitivity of the model could be improved by systematically incorporating information about reaction and localization depended enzyme isoforms or cell type specific uptake and secretion constraints. The complexity of the model could be improved by systematically reviewing the blocked reactions and if flux relevant reincorporating them into the model instead of only removing them. The GPRs for nucleotides could be further improved, possibly also by incorporating the changes made in the new model Recon 3D. Last, the majority of genes being associated to reactions with non-metabolic functions still remain in the GPR associations even after excluding these reactions. This might hint at the fact that some reactions with a biological instead of metabolic focus remain in the model, which should also be excluded.


METABOLIC REWIRING UNDERLYING MINIMAL RESIDUAL DISEASE
IN BREAST CANCER

## Summary

This chapter studies how mammalian cells adapt their metabolic networks in response to oncogenic signals and focuses on the robustness of the metabolic network regulation. Particularly, this study investigates the metabolic adaptations accompanying the transition of a differentiated cell to a cancer cell in order to fulfill the demands of a proliferative phenotype as well the metabolic features of the cancer cell after full regression. The reversibility of regulation between different layers of the cell's physiology is studied to explain how metabolic networks are stably rewired even after oncogenic signaling is stopped. For this, we take advantage of a 3D in vitro system of mammary gland organoids to map transcriptome and metabolome of tumorigenic as well as regressed breast cancer cells and integrate these using statistical as well as a metabolic model based approach. The results reveal, for the first time, an oncogenic memory on transcriptional and metabolic level in residual cancer cells. The residual cells showed a stably active glycolysis and urea cycle closer to the tumor state than the healthy tissue as its core features. We validate these findings with in vivo measurements and confirm the increased glycolysis in the regressed cells by in vivo stable isotope carbon tracer measurements. Finally, we investigate the relevance of our findings in patient data by integrating publicly available transcriptome data and comparing them to our results.

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### 4.1 Introduction

### 4.1.1 Breast cancer prevalence

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among females with an estimated incidence of approximately 2 million newly diagnosed cases worldwide in 2018 [83]. It is a heterogeneous disease with the histological and molecular make-up of the tumor providing a predictive measure for patient prognosis. Four groups of sporadic breast cancers can be defined by a immunohistochemical (IHC) determination of hormone receptor status (estrogen and progesteron receptor), human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2) status as well as the proliferation marker Ki-67: Luminal A (hormone receptor positive, HER2 negative, low levels of Ki-67); Luminal B (hormone receptor positive, HER2 negative or positive, high levels of Ki-67); Triple-negative/basal-like (hormone (estrogen and progesterone) receptor negative, HER2 negative); HER2 overexpression (hormone-receptor negative, HER2 positive). In addition, a fifth group is defined, normal-like breast cancers, having a similar IHC pattern as Luminal A cancers but showing a worse prognosis [34].

While Luminal A breast cancers are the group with best prognosis the triple-negative and HER2-overexpressing groups present the groups with the poorest prognosis, which is associated with a high rate of recurrence. Clinical outcome for the group of HER2-overexpressing tumors has improved with the implementation of targeted therapies using anti-HER2 monoclonal antibodies (trastuzumab). However, 40-60\% of HER2-overexpressing tumors develop therapy resistance resulting again in poor patient prognosis [34] [46]. Other molecular features may contribute to the poor outcome of HER2-overexpressing breast cancers including, for example concomitant overexpression of the transcription factor c-MYC, which is potentially associated with trastuzumab resistance [199] [63]. The exact molecular mechanisms that determine clinical outcome and associated recurrence rates, however, still need to be determined.

### 4.1.2 Minimal residual disease

Patient prognosis for breast cancer may, as described above, be related to the molecular type of the tumor as well as associated recurrence rates. According to the statistics obtained in the US Surveillance program Epidemiology and End Results Program (SEER) in $201236.8 \%$ of women successfully treated for breast cancer experienced a recurrence within 10 years after first diagnosis. The majority of these recurrences ( $81.9 \%$ ) were reported within the first 5 years after diagnosis. After controlling for tumor stage at diagnosis it was reported that the risk of recurrence was significantly increased in hormone receptor negative tumors (other molecular tumor characteristics were not investigated) [31]. One hypothesis for recurrence after seemingly successful therapy refers to minimal residual disease (MRD), a set of resistant cells surviving cancer therapy. These cells may have disseminated from the cancer tissue before therapy and then self-seeded back into the respective tissue after they survived chemotherapy. Another
possibility is that therapy-resistant cells residing in the primary cancer-affected tissue re-initiate carcinogenesis up to several years after treatment. Both cell types are thought to have more potential to form metastasis leading to a poorer prognosis with the recurrent cancer [182]. The therapy-resistant cells remain dormant and clinically unapparent until cancer re-initiation and exact mechanisms for tumor recurrence from these cells are currently unknown. An altered energy metabolism in these cells as compared to healthy tissue has been proposed to play a role in recurrence out of MRD [69].

### 4.1.3 Metabolic alterations in cancer

Cancer cells have higher metabolic demands compared to their healthy counterparts in order to provide the basis for increased proliferation. More specifically, increased nutrient influx needs to be sustained and nutrient use in metabolic pathways needs to be adjusted for in order to meet the requirements for energy and cellular building-blocks supply for the growing and proliferating cancer cell [141]. A well-known example of this key feature of cancer cells is the increased uptake of glucose that was recognized already in the 1920's by Otto Warburg (Warburg-effect). Paradoxically, cancer cells switch their energy metabolism preferentially to glycolysis with concomitant secretion of lactate, even under aerobic conditions, although this process provides less ATP than compared to oxidative phosphorylation and thus less energy for the cell. It was shown that the increased amount of glucose taken up by the cell as well as the higher rate of glycolysis performed may provide in sum sufficient ATP for the energy needs of the cancer cell. Additionally, through the increased glycolysis the cell sustains the production of molecules ultimately required for cell growth and proliferation, e.g. amino acids and purines and pyrimidines [167][105]. Glutamine is another substrate in addition to glucose that is taken up by cancer cells in increased amounts. In contrast to glucose as a source for carbons, glutamine also delivers nnitrogen required for nucleotide and amino acid biosynthesis. Products of the altered metabolic pathways may also have signaling functions, which exhibit consequences for the carcinogenic potential of the cell. For example, increased production and secretion of lactate as a product of enhanced glycolysis stimulates angiogenesis [141].

### 4.1.4 Combining multi-omics with metabolic modeling to elucidate molecular alterations in residual breast cancer cells

To investigate the molecular alterations of MRD in an aggressive form of human breast cancer, a transgenic mouse model was used in this study. This model system is based on a chemically inducible breast cancer mouse model harboring two common oncogenes (c-MYC and HER2) [69]. This model was previously shown to mimic human breast cancer pathology and to be suitable to study breast cancer MRD [69]. The previous study revealed that MRD, although oncogene inactivated, has a stably altered lipid metabolism combined with elevated ROS markers [69].


Figure 4.1. Heterologous mouse model and culture system to study MRD in human breast cancer. Mouse models of recurrent mammary tumorigenesis were used for in vivo studies. These studies were complemented by organoid cultures derived from primary mammary epithelial cells isolated from adult ( $>8$ weeks of age), virgin mice. Orange circles, mammary tumors; white circles, regressed tissue; black-filled dots, in vitro tumor correlates; hollow dots, in vitro regressed tissue correlates. The corresponding in vivo (left panels) and in vitro (right panesl) transgene-specific histological c-MYC stainings of acini/mammary glands are depicted next to the schema. Scale bar: $50 \mu \mathrm{~m}$. This figure and the text in this legend have been adapted from Havas et al. (2017) [69].

Primary mammary epithelial cells isolated from the mouse model were grown in a 3 D cell culture system, where they spontaneously form organoids that recapitulate acini ${ }^{1}$. Tumor induction was initiated upon the transcription of the two oncogenes $c-M Y C$ and HER2 by adding doxycycline

[^19]to the media. The addition of doxycycline to the culture media leads to the transcription of the two trans-oncogenes $c$-MYC and $H E R 2$ and results in tumor formation. After five days in the culture media with doxycycline the lumen of the acini are completely filled with rapidly proliferating luminal endothelial cells. The histology of the organoids resembles an early human breast cancer state. At this time point, doxycycline is excluded from the media, which stops the transcription of the oncogenes and initiates apoptosis. In the following two days the lumen of the acini are cleared and the morphological structure of the acini is fully intact after seven days. The reformed acinus is phenotypically indistinguishable from the healthy control. This regression process mimics an ideal setting of targeted therapy in the patient situation since the expression of the driving oncogenes is regulated by the addition or exclusion of doxycycline in the media. Staining the in vitro acini for mammary gland specific morphological markers as well as with transgene-specific antibodies could recapitulate the known physiology of the published in vitro culture system with [69]. Caspase3 stains of the in vitro culture show that massive apoptosis accompanies the clearance of the lumen and starts after 8 hours of regression. However, not all cells are undergoing apoptosis and about five to ten percent of the cell population survives and reforms acini. Transcriptomics as well as intracellular and extracellular metabolites of the sample groups (healthy control, tumor and regressed cells) were analyzed using three different metabolomics technologies, namely gas-chromatography mass spectrometry (GCMS), untargeted metabolomics on a high-throughput platform and shotgun lipidomics (Table 1). This was complemented with in vivo measurement of the targeted metabolomics as well as fluxomics data for central carbon metabolism. Altogether, this is a one of the most comprehensive metabolomics data sets on a HER2 positive breast cancer in model systems.

TABLE 4.1. Summary of collected experimental omics-data.

| System | Compartment | Transcriptomics | GCMS | Lipidomics | Untargeted Metabolomics | Flux Measurements |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In vitro | Intracellular | 22287 genes | 56 metabolites | 1472 lipids | - |  |
| In vitro | Extracellular | - | 30 metabolites | - | 2832 ions | - |
| In vivo | Intracellular | - | 52 metabolites | - | - |  |
| In vivo | Extracellular | - | 37 metabolites | - | - | - |

To integrate and interpret the acquired data genome scale metabolic modeling was utilized. Finally, to assess the human relevance of our findings, our results were compared to a combined set of patient microarray data containing healthy tissue samples and biopsies from tumor and regressed tissue.

### 4.2 Material and Methods

### 4.2.1 Animals

Breeding and maintenance of mouse colony was done in the LAR (Laboratory Animal Resources) facility of EMBL Heidelberg, under veterinarian supervision and in accordance to the guidelines
of the European Commission, revised Directive 2010/63/EU and AVMA Guidelines 2007. All experiments were performed with the mouse strain TetO-cMyc/TetO-Neu/MMTV-rtTA [1]. For the comparison of metabolic profiles in intracellular GCMS data, an additional strain was used -TetO-cMyc/TetOKrasG12D/MMTV-rtTA [2].

For the in vitro experiments, primary mammary epithelial cells were collected from 8 weeks old virgin females through mammary gland tissue digestion and cultured in 3D. For the in vivo experiments, the animals have been fed with doxycycline and developed tumors in the period of $4-6$ weeks. When the tumor burden was too large, the animals were put on normal food without doxycycline and the tumor regressed to a non-palpable state. Mammary glands of these mice were harvested when tumors fully regressed, 9 weeks after. Wild type animals (age-matched controls) were fed in the same fashion and their mammary glands were collected at the same time and in the same manner.

If not noted otherwise, we had two types of healthy controls for both types of experiments. One control with the transgenes but without doxycycline in the media (never induced, NI) and one control from wild type animals (WT, age-matched) which were supplied with doxycycline in the media or food in the same fashion as the transgenic mice. Their mammary glands were also collected at the same time and in the same manner.

### 4.2.2 3D Cell culture

Three-dimensional cell cultures were established according to the published protocol [3] with some modifications. Primary mammary epithelial cells were obtained from 8 weeks old virgin females of the described mouse strains through the digestion of mammary glands in 5 mL of digestion media (Lonza/Amaxa DMEM/F12 1:1 Mixture with HEPES, L-Gln, BE12-719F) supplemented with HEPES to the final concentration of $25 \mathrm{mM}, 150 \mathrm{U} / \mathrm{mL}$ Collagenase type 3 (Worthington, LS004183), $20 \mu \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{mL}$ Liberase Blendzyme 2 (Roche, 05401020001) and 5 ml of Penicillin/Streptomycin (Gibco Life Technologies, 15140-122). After digesting for 15-16 hours at 37 oC in $5 \%(\mathrm{vol} / \mathrm{vol}) \mathrm{CO}_{2}$ atmopshere in loosely capped 50 mL polypropylene conical tubes a washing step with 45 mL of phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) was performed. Upon centrifugation at room temperature, 1000 rpm for 5 min , the interphase between the upper fat layer and the cell pellet was removed and 5 mL of $0.25 \%$ trypsin-EDTA (Invitrogen, 25200-056) was added. The suspension was incubated for 40 min at $37 \mathrm{oC}, 5 \% \mathrm{CO}_{2}$ in loosely capped tubes. This was followed by the wash with 25 mL of STOP media (Lonza/Amaxa DMEM/F12 1:1 Mixture with HEPES, L-Gln, BE12-719F supplemented with HEPES to the final concentration of 25 mM and $10 \%$ Tet System Approved Fetal Bovine Serum, Biowest, S181T) and the treatment with $5-15 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{mL}$ DNase I (ThermoFisher, 18068015). After a second centrifugation step at room temperature, 1000 rpm for 5 min , the dissociated cells were resuspended in MEBM media (Lonza, Mammary Epithelial Cell Basal Medium CC-3151 with supplements from Mammary Epithelial Cell Medium BulletKit CC-3150) and plated onto collagen-coated plates (BD Bioscences, 356400)
for the selection of epithelial cells. On the next day, the cells were washed with PBS and treated with $500 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of $0,25 \%$ trypsin-EDTA until detachment. Trypsin was inactivated with 9 mL of STOP media (described above), followed by a centrifugation step at room temperature, 1000 rpm for 5 min . Cell pellets were resuspended in PBS, counted, and mixed rapidly on ice with the prepared Matrigel-collagen mixture - Cultrex 3D Culture Matrix Basement Membrane Extract (Biozol, TRE-3445-005-01) and $1,5 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{mL}$ Cultrex 3D Collagen I rat tail (TEMA Ricerca, 3447-020-01). Mixed droplets in a concentration of 12500 primary mouse mammary epithelial cells per $100 \mu \mathrm{l}$ were dispensed into flat bottom wells (Corning CellBIND 12 Well Clear Multiple Well Plates, 3336) or chambered cover glass slides (ThermoFisher Scientific, Nunc LabTek II Chambered Cover glass, 155379). After gel solidifying for $35-40 \mathrm{~min}$ at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 1.5 \mathrm{ml}$ of MEBM serum-free media (supplemented with 2 mL of bovine pituitary extract, 0.5 mL of $\mathrm{hEGF}, 0.5 \mathrm{~mL}$ of hydrocortisone, 0.5 mL of GA-1000, 0.5 mL Insulin from Mammary Epithelial Cell Medium BulletKit CC-3150) was added to each well. Doxycycline (Sigma, Doxycycline hyclate, D9891) was titrated to lower concentration of $200 \mathrm{ng} / \mathrm{ml}$. For the metabolic analyses the same media was used from the start of an experiment until the collection, media was used in volume of 1 mL and changed every day at the same times.

### 4.2.3 Immunofluorescence

3D culture gels were fixed with $4 \%$ paraformaldehyde (PFA) for 7-10 min for immunofluorescence staining and washed for three times with PBS and once in IF buffer (containing $\mathrm{NaCl}, \mathrm{Na} 2 \mathrm{HPO}$, $\mathrm{NaN}_{3}$, BSA, TritonX-100, Tween-20; pH 7,4). Blocking was done with $10 \%$ goat serum (Jackson Immuno Research, 005-000-121) for 1.5 h . A standard protocol was applied for the staining with the following antibodies: alpha-6-integrin (BD Biosciences 25-0495-82, diluted 1:80), ZO-1 (Invitrogen 61-7300, diluted 1:500), GM-130 (BD Biosciences, 610823, diluted 1:100), E-cadherin (Invitrogen, 13-1900, diluted 1:200). The nuclei were stained with DAPI (ThermoScientific, 62248, diluted 1:1000). The gels were mounted with Vectashield Anti-fade mounting medium (Vinci Biochem, VC-H-1500-L010) and imaged on a Leica SP5 confocal microscope using 63x water lens and LAS AF imaging software. Anti-rabbit, anti-mouse, and anti-rat antibodies coupled with Alexa Fluor dyes were purchased from Invitrogen (A21247, A11034, A11036). FFPE tissue sections were stained using the standard protocols for the following antibodies: Arg1, Ass1, iNOS, Hk2, PDK1, Lin28A, Ak4 (all from Abcam, diluted 1:250). The tissue sections were mounted using ProLong Gold Antifade (P36930 from ThermoFisher) and scanned using the TissueFAXS Slides system (TissueGnostics). The quantification was done using StrataQuest Analysis Software (TissueGnostics).

### 4.2.4 RNA sequencing sample preparation and sequencing

Ribonucleic acid (RNA) was harvested from a pool of two 3D gels per condition, using $900 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of mirVana lysis buffer, and subsequently extracted using mirVana miRNA Isolation Kit with phenol
(Ambion, AM1560). After assessing the RNA quality and concentration with the Bioanalyzer (Agilent 2100, G2939BA), the RNA was sequenced on the Illumina NextSeq 500 platform with a read length of 75 bp . The RNA sequencing (RNAseq) experiment was repeated twice with each time two biological replicates from 2 different animals, except for the healthy control where 4 biological replicates from 4 different animals were used.

### 4.2.5 Differential expression analysis

The quality of the raw RNA sequencing reads was assessed using FastQC [6] (version 0.11.3). Prior to the alignment, adapter trimming was performed using cutadapt (version 1.9.1) with default options providing the standard lllumina TrueSeq Index adapters. Subsequent quality trimming and filtering was performed with FaQCs (version 1.34) using the following parameters: -q 20 - min_L $30-n 5$-discard 1 . The total reads per sample after trimming and filtering ranged from 34.1 to 52.0 million. The sequencing reads were aligned to the reference genome of M . musculs (GRCm38.p6) which included the sequence for human c-MYC and rat HER2 (FOOTNOTE: https://www.ensembl.org) using tophat2 (D. Kim et al., 2013) (version 2.0.10) with the following parameter: -G -T -x $20-\mathrm{M}$-microexon-search -no-coverage-search -no-novel-juncs -mate-std-dev 100 -r 50 -min-segment-intron 20 -i 30 -a 6 . Only reads with unique mappings were considered for differential expression analysis. Gene level count tables were obtained using the count script of the HTSeq [4] python library (version 0.6.1p1.) with default options. All reads mapped in total to 19.500 to 20.800 genes. This was followed by statistical analysis using the Bioconductor package DESeq2 [109] (version 1.12.4). Size-factor based normalization to control for batch effects and inter-sample variability and dispersion estimation were conducted using package defaults. The animal was included in the model design. Additionally, genes with a less than 10 counts in total across all data sets were filterd to increase the sensitivity of the detection differential gene expression. The differential expression analysis was also performed with the package defaults, which include multiple testing correction, independent filtering and cooks cutoff [3] for outlier detection. Bonferoni adaption was applied for multiple testing correction. Genes with padj < 0.01 were considered as significantly differentially expressed (DE). Biostatistical analyses were conducted using R V.3.3.1 ( R Development Core Team). For performing dimensionality reduction with Principal Component analysis (PCA) and hierarchical clustering rlog DESeq2 [109] transformed transcript counts were utilized. For the calculation of the ellipses on the PCA plots the "stat_ellipse" function from the R package ggplot2 was used [66].

### 4.2.6 Enrichment analysis

The enrichment analysis was performed using Fisher's exact test with a foreground of all respective differentially expressed genes and a background, which was composed of a unique set of 5 randomly picked genes per foreground gene exhibiting a similar expression mean over all samples. The chosen p-value cutoff was 0.01 .

### 4.2.7 Collection and extraction of intracellular and extracellular metabolites

In vitro experiments - Before proceeding with the intracellular metabolites collection, $150 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of the extracellular media was taken from the wells of each condition, snap-frozen and stored at $-80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ until the analysis. Organoid structures were then freed from Matrigel upon digestion for $1,5 \mathrm{~h}$ at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ with $3 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of liberase and $3 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of collagenase added to the media. 3 wells were pooled per condition replicate, subsequently washed for three times with PBS, shortly centrifuged ( 1000 rpm, 2 min , room temperature) and quenched with $200 \mu \mathrm{l}$ cold ( $-80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) HPLC-grade methanol (Biosolve Chimie, 136841). The contamination of the cells with rest media was excluded by comparing the obtained metabolic profiles with $50 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of each well's used MEBM growth medium and the last washing solution of each well wise the solution (quenched with $100 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of cold $-80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ HPLC-grade methanol). The extraction of the metabolites was done with a $1: 1$ methanol-water protocol [4-6] with ribitol (Alfa Aesar, 488-81-3) as internal standard. For the Flow Injection Q-Exactive MS the extracellular metabolites were measured in extracellular media with a 1:10 dilution. The experiment was repeated twice with each time two biological and two technical replicates from two different animals, except for the wild type control where 3 biological replicates from one animal were used. In vivo experiments - For the glucose labeling experiment mice mammary glands were dissected, minced and digested for 2 hours at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ using collagenase and liberase enzymes. The digested cells were then cultured for 8 hours at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and $5 \%(\mathrm{vol} / \mathrm{vol}) \mathrm{CO}_{2}$ atmopshere in DMEM glucose- and pyruvate-free media (11966025, ThermoFisher) supplemented with $4,5 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L}$ labelled D-glucose (U-13C, $99 \%$ from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories, Inc.). ) and 2 mL of bovine pituitary extract, 0.5 mL of hEGF, 0.5 mL of hydrocortisone, 0.5 mL of GA-1000 and 0.5 mL insulin from the Mammary Epithelial Cell Medium BulletKit CC-3150. For the nonlabeled GCMS metabolomics experiment the mammary glands were dissected and cultured for 8 hours at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and $5 \%$ ( $\mathrm{vol} / \mathrm{vol}$ ) $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ atmosphere in DMEM $4,5 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L}$ glucose media (D6429 Sigma), supplemented with 2 mL of bovine pituitary extract, 0.5 mL of $\mathrm{hEGF}, 0.5 \mathrm{~mL}$ of hydrocortisone, 0.5 mL of GA-1000 and 0.5 mL insulin from the Mammary Epithelial Cell Medium BulletKit CC-3150. Extracellular metabolites were collected and snap-frozen in liquid nitrogen. For the harvest of the intracellular metabolites the cells were quickly washed for two times in PBS and quenched with cold methanol. Metabolites were extracted using a 1:1 methanol-water protocol [4-6] with ribitol (Alfa Aesar, 488-81-3) as internal standard. The experiment was repeated once with each time three biological and two technical replicates from three different animals, except for the fluxomics experiment, in which three biological with only one technical replicates from three different animals was used.

Flow Injection Q-Exactive MS. High-throughput discovery metabolomics was modified from the method by Fuhrer et al. [7].

### 4.2.8 Untargeted metabolomics analysis

As mentioned above, the untargeted metabolomics data collection and analysis was performed by Cellzome, GSK Heidelberg. The pipeline, which is described in the following is an implemented standard pipeline already used in previous publications.

Samples were analyzed on a LC/MS platform consisting of a Thermo Scientific Ultimate 3000 liquid chromatography system with autosampler temperature set to $10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ coupled to a Thermo Scientific Q-Exactive Plus Fourier transform mass spectrometer equipped with a heated electrospray ion source and operated in negative ionization mode. The isocratic flow rate was $150 \mu \mathrm{~L} / \mathrm{min}$ of mobile phase consisting of $60: 40 \%$ ( $\mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v}$ ) isopropanol:water buffered with 1 mM ammonium fluoride at pH 9 and containing 10 nM taurocholic acid and 20 nM homotaurine as lock masses. Mass spectra were recorded in profile mode from 50 to $1,000 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{z}$ with the following instrument settings: sheath gas, 35 a.u.; aux gas, 10 a.u.; aux gas heater, $200^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; sweep gas, 1 a.u.; spray voltage, -3 kV ; capillary temperature, $250^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; S-lens RF level, 50 a.u; resolution, 70 k @ $200 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{z}$; AGC target, $3 \times 106$ ions, max. inject time, 120 ms ; acquisition duration, 60 s . Spectral data processing was performed using an automated pipeline in R. Detected ions were tentatively annotated as metabolites using the HMDB database as reference assuming [M-H] and [M-2H] as ionization options and the exchange of one or two ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ with the equivalent number of ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ atoms with the method-inherent disability to distinguish between isomers. The experiment was repeated once with each time four biological and two technical replicates from four different animals, except for wild type control which had two biological and two technical replicates from one different animal.

### 4.2.9 GCMS analysis

Upon drying, metabolite extracts were derivatized to their (MeOx) TMS-derivatives: 1) with a 50 $\mu \mathrm{L}$ of $20 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{mL}$ methoxyamine hydrochloride (Alfa Aesar, 593-56-6) solution in pyridine (SigmaAldrich, 437611) for 90 min at $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 2$ ) with $100 \mu \mathrm{l}$-methyl-trimethylsilyl-trifluoroacetamide (MSTFA) (Alfa Aesar, 24589-78-4), for 12 hours at room temperature ( 6,8 ). The metabolic profiles of all samples was measured 12 hours after derivatization using a Shimadzu TQ8050 GCMS (triple quadrupole) system (Shimadzu Corp.) and a gas chromatograph with a $30 \mathrm{~m} \times 0.25 \mathrm{~mm} \times$ 0.25 um DB- 50 MS capillary column (Phenomenex, USA). The detector operated both in scan mode (recording in the range of $50-600 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{z}$ ) and MRM mode. The samples were normalized to ribitol and total measured metabolite levels.

For the experiment with labeled glucose the metabolites were dried and derivatized to their (MeOx) TMS-derivatives: 1) with $50 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ of $20 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{mL}$ methoxyamine hydrochloride (Alfa Aesar, 593-56-6) solution in pyridine (SigmaAldrich, 437611) for 90 min at $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 2$ ) with $100 \mu$ N-tert-Butyldimethylsilyl-N-methyltrifluoroacetamide with $1 \%$ tert-Butyldimethylchlorosilane (SigmaAldrich) for 1 h at 60 oC and for 12 hours at room temperature ( 6,8 ). The samples were further
processed as previously described. P-values were calculated with limma and the adjustment method is Benjamini-Hochberg.

### 4.2.10 Lipidomics analysis

A modified version of the Bligh \& Dyer protocol (9) was used for lipid extraction. Samples were analysed by direct infusion nano-ESI MS using an Qtrap 6500 + coupled with a NanoMate (Sciex). The samples were normalized to $100 \%$ ( $\mathrm{mol} \%$ ) of total lipids.

### 4.2.11 NOS enzymatic assay

Mammary glands were dissected and homogenized in NOS assay buffer and further processed following the Nitric Oxide Synthase Activity Assay kit protocol (Abcam, ab211083) for measuring the enzymatic activity of nitric oxide synthase (NOS).

### 4.2.12 Reporter metabolite analysis

Metbaolic reactions that are likely to be re-regulated during regression were identified using the reporter metabolite algorithm, a gene set enrichment statistic with genes as keys and metabolites as values from the "piano" $R$ package [188]. The adjusted p-value and log2 fold change (FC) of the respective differentially expressed genes were used to calculate p-values from a theoretical null distribution (10,000 permutations). The gene set was produced from the revised HMR2 model (see chapter 3) whose gene identifiers were translated to mouse orthologs. Multiple testing adjustment was applied using the Benjamini-Hochberg procedure. The threshold for significance was padj < 0.1 , but maximally $5 \%$ of the total list of tested metabolites. A pathway enrichment was calculated for gene sets of 1 gene per group or bigger.

### 4.2.13 Genome scale metabolic modeling

A new simulation method was developed to predict differences in the metabolic flux distributions between two conditions based on relative gene expression levels. The method is based in the concept of enzyme usage constraints introduced in [112]. This is an extension of classic flux balance analysis, where the total flux carried by each enzyme is explicitly accounted for taking into consideration the complexity of gene-protein-reaction associations (enzyme promiscuity, isozymes, and complex formation). The method is formulated as follows:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \min \left\|u^{p}-\frac{e^{p}}{e^{r}} u^{r}\right\|_{1}  \tag{4.1}\\
& \text { s.t. }  \tag{4.2}\\
& \qquad S_{\mathrm{ext}} \cdot\left|\begin{array}{l}
v^{r} \\
u^{r}
\end{array}\right|=0  \tag{4.3}\\
& \qquad S_{\mathrm{ext}} \cdot\left|\begin{array}{c}
v^{p} \\
u^{p}
\end{array}\right|=0  \tag{4.4}\\
& \quad u^{r} \geq 0  \tag{4.5}\\
& u^{p} \geq 0  \tag{4.6}\\
& l b^{r}<v^{r}<u b^{r}  \tag{4.7}\\
& l b^{p}<v^{p}<u b^{p} \tag{4.8}
\end{align*}
$$

where $u^{r}$ and $u^{p}$ are the enzyme usage vectors in the reference and perturbed conditions, respectively, $\frac{e^{p}}{e^{r}}$ represents the relative gene expression levels between the two conditions, $v^{r}$ and $v^{p}$ are the metabolic flux vectors, and $S_{\text {ext }}$ is the extended stoichiometric matrix as defined in [112].

The import/export of SBML files was obtained through the libSBML API using the load_cbmodel of the framed python package (version 0.5) for metabolic modeling [18] [110]. The IBM ILOG CPLEX Optimizer (version 12.8.0) was used for solving the MILP problems unless noted differently. All simulations were conducted with Python 2.7.13.

### 4.2.14 Comparison to human breast cancer MRD datasets

Microarray data sets with expression intensities from pre- and post treatment breast cancers biopsies [64] and healthy breast control tissue [114] were downloaded from Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO)[15]. For the analysis first, each data set was prepared on its own including filtering samples for outliers, sample normalization and background correction with the "rma" function of the $R$ package "oligo" filtering genes for minimal intensity filtering and gene annotation of probeset IDs with the removal of multiple mappings of transcript cluster identifiers. Next, the two data sets were combined and subdivided to the set of commonly used probe sets (both Microarray data sets are from Affymetrix but from different gene chip versions, thus they largely overlap in their probe sets). Then the two data sets were combined, normalized, checked for outliers and again, genes with low intensities were filtered. To address the batch affect of the joined data set stemming from the two experimental settings and largely influencing the gene expression, the first principal component of PCA analysis was removed. The "normal" tumor subtype of the data set from Gonzalez-Angulo et al. were removed because it is poorly defined diagnostic category and therefore exhibiting high biological variability.

### 4.3 Results and Discussion

### 4.3.1 Tumors as well as phenotypically healthy regressed breast cancer cells possess an altered transcriptome

In order to investigate possible (long-term) changes in the molecular signature through oncogenic signaling, transcriptomics profiles of the tumorigenic and the regressed structures were analyzed in comparison to healthy control structures (age matched NI and WT, see Material and Methods). First, analyzing the tumor reveals that the transcriptome of the tumor cells is heavily altered with 5356 genes being differentially expressed in comparison to the control (Figure A.12). Previous studies analyzing gene expression in cancer ${ }^{2}$ in comparison to healthy tissue from patient samples have observed about 2000 to 2500 genes differentially expressed [103] [135]. However, these studies focus on samples from multiple patients and therefore have an increased genetic and environmental heterogeneity, which are confounding the profiles. Also the control tissue, which is often taken from tumor adjacent tissue, is heterogeneous in itself due to inevitable inclusion of other cell types, such as fibroblasts, infiltrating immune cells or adipocytes. Lastly, samples obtained from clinical settings typically possess a lower quality then cell culture data and microarray technologies, which are still the most common method for the transcriptional analysis of clinical samples, are less sensitive and specific in identifying differentially expressed genes than RNASeq [191] [104].

The changes in the tumor transcriptome over the healthy control appear to have a highly proliferative character with genes involved in cell cycle, cell division, DNA repair and gene expression and translation being strongly up regulated (Figure 4-3a). In addition, processes being well established to accompany cancer progression are reflected such as a down regulation of genes involved in cell adhesion and cell recognition and genes synthesizing cell surface markers (Table A.25). Furthermore, the proliferative state of the cells is also reflected by changes in metabolic genes, which are adapted to provide the cell with building blocks for growth as the transcription of genes for glycolytic enzymes, enzymes of the pentose phosphate pathway (PPP), Tricarboxylic acid (TCA) cycle enzymes and enzymes involved in oxidative phosphorylation (OXPHOS) and nucleic acids as well as amino acids biosynthesis are upregulated (Figure A.13). However, the metabolic genes are not enriched amongst the differentially expressed genes, as $21.1 \%$ of the enzymes coding genes are differentially expressed genes, which corresponds to the average proportion of metabolic genes in the genome $(17.1 \%)^{3}$.

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Figure 4.2. Transcriptional characterization of breast cancer regression. GO Term enrichment analysis of the upregulated differentially expressed genes of (a) tumorigenic organoids. (b) of regressed organoids in comparison to healthy control organoids.

Surprisingly, the regressed structures have 1525 genes differentially expressed compared to the healthy samples (Figure A.14). 60.9\% of the differentially expressed genes overlap and nearly all of them in the same direction (Figure $4-5 \mathrm{~b}$ ). However, their transcriptome profile is less clearly deregulated compared to the healthy controls and the differentially expressed genes spread into diverse categories. Amongst the strongest enriched GO categories of upregulated genes are processes involved in extracellular signaling and reorganization, such as immune response, cell-cell adhesion, cell junction organization, cell surface receptor signaling pathway (also amongst the downregulated genes), but also stress and apoptosis related processes (Figure $4-3 b)$. The upregulation of stress responding genes could be caused by apoptosis being activated as a response to the turning-off of the oncogenic signaling. Even though the sequenced cells are surviving by evading apoptosis, parts of the apoptotic signaling cascade might nevertheless be active. The stress signaling could also be connected to the previously discovered high ROS production in regressed breast cancer cells due to an altered lipid metabolism [69]. With regard to the quiescent status of the regressed cells, expected downregulated processes in the regressed cells over the healthy cells include mitotic cell cycle processes and the associated decrease of nucleotide metabolism as well as processes involved in cell migration and vascularization (Table A.26).

Interestingly, categories positively regulating cell proliferation and cell growth are also found upregulated although phenotypically the cells are growth arrested. Even more intriguingly, genes coding for glycolytic enzymes and enzymes involved in the biosynthesis of amino acids are strongly upregulated (Figure A.15). Furthermore, the genes coding for glycolytic enzymes appear to be concordantly upregulated with genes from the HIF-1 signaling pathway (Figure A.15). HIF-1 $\alpha$ is a transcription factor that gets activated by elevated ROS levels and is known to promote cell survival during prolonged hypoxia [145]. It induces the transcription of the two downstream genes BNIP3 and BNIP3L, which in turn induce mitophagy and allow cells to survive in hypoxic condictions by preventing increased levels of ROS [17]. Although the transcript levels of HIF-1 $\alpha$ itself do not change ${ }^{4}$, the transcript levels of VHL, which binds HIF-1 $\alpha$ and thereby targets it for degradation, decreases, suggesting a possible stabilization and thereby activation of the HIF- $1 \alpha$ protein [87] [170]. Accordingly, the transcription levels of the transcriptional targets of HIF-1 $\alpha$, BNIP3 and BNIP3L, are strongly differentially expressed in the regressed cells in comparison to the healthy cells with a positive $\log 2$ fold change of 2.4 and 0.9 , respectively. This could hint at the induction of pro-survival autophagy, counteracting increased ROS levels. Furthermore, active HIF- $1 \alpha$ triggers the reprogramming of metabolism towards a glycolytic phenotype by increasing the expression of genes encoding glucose transporters (viz. GLUT1, GLUT3, HK1 and HK2), enzymes of the glycolytic pathway (viz. ALDOA, ALDOC, PGK1, ENO1 and PKM2) and enzymes directing the flux towards lactate production (viz. $L D H A, M C T 4, P D H 1^{5}$ [170]. A feed-forward

[^21]mechanism in which increased levels of lactate and pyruvate increase HIF-1 $\alpha$ stability has been reported ([118]). Additionally, oncogenic c-MYC has been shown to cooperate with HIF-1 $\alpha$ to activate the transcription of PDK1 and thereby amplify the signal [88] [35]. This regulatory dependence between HIF-1 $\alpha$ and glycolysis could explain the close clustering of the glycolytic pathway with the HIF-1 signaling pathway (Figure A.15). Lastly, the increased HIF-1 $\alpha$ signaling could also be connected to cell's surviving apoptosis. Depending on the tumor context, HIF-1 $\alpha$ has shown diverging results, both inhibiting and promoting apoptosis. Non the less, HIF-1 $\alpha$ is generally viewed to promote cell survival and its overexpression has been reported in a variety of human cancers and is typically correlated with resistance to therapy [205] [203] [165] [142] [50]. VEGFA one of the most important targets of HIF-1 $\alpha$ was shown to counteract apoptosis in hypoxia and exhibits a log2 fold increase of 2.1 in the regressed cells over the healthy control cells [14] [143]. Furthermore, HIF-1 $\alpha$ also protects cells from ROS induced apoptosis. This protective effect was accompanied by the increase of HIF-1 $\alpha$ target genes $C D K N 1 A$, enolases and $E P O$, which are also positively differentially expressed in the regressed cells, although mildly ( 0.50 CDKN1A, ENO1 0.68, ENO3 0.47) [201]. Even more interestingly, the simultaneous upregulation of glycolsis in HIF-1 $\alpha$ dependent inhibition of hypoxia and glucose deprivation-induced apoptosis is suspected to play a role in the modulation of apoptosis resistance [58] [76] [87] [19]. The sustained activity of HIF-1 $\alpha$ and a simultaneously increased flux through glycolysis could be one of the possible routes by which the surviving regressed breast cancer cells evade apoptosis.

### 4.3.2 Transcriptome differences between the tumor and the regressed cells converge at the metabolic level

Untargeted metabolomics show that the metabolic status of the tumor cells indeed strongly changes as they cluster apart from the regressed and control cells (Figure 4-4). As suggested by altered transcript levels of enzymes the concentrations of metabolites involved in major growth related pathways like glycolysis, PPP, TCA cycle, Oxphos, nucleotide metabolism and amino acid synthesis/degradation are significantly changed ( $p$-value < 0.05). Like on the transcriptional level, the metabolic status of regressed cells retains features of the tumor cells, as many ions annotated to the above-mentioned pathways remain altered. Hierarchical clustering shows that the regressed samples are overall metabolically even closer to the tumor than the healthy control samples. This suggests that some global transcriptomic and metabolomics alterations are present in the regressed cells, possibly with the progression of the changes in transcript levels up to the metabolite level.


Figure 4.3. Intracellular untargeted metabolomics results from regressed organoid structures. Samples are clustered according to high confidence ions. The annotated KEGG pathway is indicated if applicable. AA = amino acid biosynthesis pathway, OXPHOS = Oxidative phosphorylation, TCA = Citrate cycle, NT = Purine and pyrimidine metabolism, PPP = Pentose phosphate pathway, GLYC = Glycolysis/Gluconeogenesis.

In order to gain deeper insights into the metabolic alterations present in regressed breast cancer cells lipidomics as well as targeted metabolomics were measured. Comparing the regressed samples to the healthy controls the different metabolomics data sets repeat the previous observation that the regressed cells do not, in terms of their metabolite levels, return to a healthy status but in contrast cluster closely with the tumor cells (Figure 4-5).


FIGURE 4.4. Dimensionality reduction of transcriptome and metabolome data sets. PCA plots of (a) transcriptomics data (b) intracellular lipidomics data (c) intracellular GCMS data (d) extracellular GCMS data. Blue represents healthy control samples, yellow tumorigenic samples and green regressed samples. All replicates Centroids and ellipses are drawn to represent the center of each sample group considering the first two principal components (PCs). The calculated distance measure is the Euclidean distance between the centroids of the samples based on all principal components. The ellipses represent the 0.95 confidence interval of a multivariate normal distribution. Ctrl - Control samples, Tumor - Tumor samples, Regressed Regressed samples.

However, comparing the global transcriptomics level amongst the three sample groups, the regressed cells do retain alterations and do not cluster with the healthy controls. But in contrast to the metabolomics levels their status is clearly different from the tumor cells. In fact, they are even transcriptionally closer to the healthy cells. Subdividing the transcriptional data to only metabolic genes does not change the global clustering of the groups (Figure A.16). Thus enzyme levels globally differ between the three groups. One possible explanation could be that in the tumor situation the transcription is highly altered because of the oncogene expression ${ }^{6}$, but the extent to which the metabolism can change accordingly is limited/gets saturated, ${ }^{7}$. Hence, even though the transcription in the regressed cells is altered the regressed cells would appear closer to the healthy controls than the tumor cells. $90.5 \%$ of all genes possess a log2 fold change of less than 2 between the tumor and the regressed cells and only $2.4 \%$ percent exceed a log2 fold change of 3 (Figure A.18). Thus, there is no large isolated group of exceedingly altered genes. However, there are 4655 genes, which are only differentially expressed in the tumor. These genes exhibit on average an absolute log2 fold change of 1.2 over the regressed cells (Figure 4-6a) (Figure A.19a ). Clustering the samples with the genes only differentially expressed in the tumor recapitulates the sample clustering with all genes (Figure 4-6a) (Figure A.20a ). This confirms that strong drivers of the transcriptomic clustering are the genes that get exclusively altered because of the oncogene expression and tumor formation.

When selecting only the intersection of genes significantly altered in the tumor and the regressed samples ( 928 genes), the regressed samples still cluster independently but closer to the tumor samples than to the healthy samples (Figure 4-6b) (Figure A.20b ). Even though the genes are less strongly changed (average absolute log2 fold change of 0.85 ), their deregulation pattern is similar to those of the tumor sample for the majority of genes (Figure 4-6b) (Figure A.19b ). Thus, only a subset of transcriptional changes from the tumor is present in the regressed cells, but those, which overlap tend to exhibit a similar pattern. Conceivably, part of the metabolic phenotype in the regressed cells could stem from enzyme levels, whose transcription levels are still altered similarly to the tumor cells, just not as strongly. Since many enzymes in the central carbon pathways are known to not reach their metabolic capacity in normal cells it is possible that the enzyme levels in the regressed cells do not need to change to exert a tumorigenic metabolism profile [138] [42]. It is also possible that already a few stronger "driver" pathways or genes are enough to establish a metabolic phenotype similar to the tumor samples. Similarly, metabolites themselves might exert a regulatory feedback function, which maintains a metabolic state.

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Figure 4.5. Detailed analysis of sets of differentially expressed genes Heatmap of rlog transformed transcript counts of differentially expressed genes, which in comparison to the healthy control are differentially expressed (a) only in the tumor samples (b) in the tumor and the regressed samples (c) only in the regressed samples. Ctrl - Control, Tum - Tumor, Reg - Regressed. DE - differentially expressed.

Surprisingly a large proportion of the remaining differentially expressed genes is exclusively changed in the regressed state ( 597 genes, $39.1 \%$ of all DE genes in the regressed state) and separates the regressed cells from the remaining samples. This could possibly be attributed to metabolic network redundancies diverse alterations in transcript levels of enzymes or regulatory genes lead to a similar metabolic phenotype between tumor and regressed samples. Finally, enzyme modifications can also greatly alter the flux of a reaction, but are not detectable on transcript level. In conclusion, significantly different transcriptional changes between the tumor and the regressed state converge on the metabolic level.

### 4.3.3 Although quiescent, the regressed breast cancer cells maintain high glycolytic flux

Next, we analyzed the concentrations of individual metabolites from the targeted GCMS analysis to identify stably altered metabolic features in regressed cells as compared to healthy cells. As previously observed most of the metabolites, whose concentration levels are significantly changed in the tumor state over the control ( $\mathrm{p}_{\text {adj }}<0.01, \log 2$ fold change $>0.5$ ) retain the observed alterations in the regressed state (Figure 4-7, Figure A.21, Table A.27, Table A.28).


Figure 4.6. In vitro targeted GCMS metabolomics analysis of intra- and extracellular metabolite. A selection of significantly altered metabolites ( $\mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{adj}}<0.01, \log 2$ fold change $>0.5$ ) in the regressed cells in comparison to the control samples is depicted. The concentration is measured as $\log 2(\mathrm{AUC}) . \mathrm{AUC}=$ area under the curve, $\mathrm{DOX}=$ Tumor

The most prominent metabolic feature in both, the tumor and the regressed cells, is the decrease of glucose in the intracellular samples as well as the media with a concomitant increase of lactate in the media. Taken together with the upregulation of glycolytic enzymes in both samples, this suggests a higher glycolytic flux in regressed than in healthy cells, which is comparable to the flux in tumor cells. in vivo measurements of labeled glucose metabolized to lactate confirm that the glycolytic flux in regressed cells indeed significantly increases (one tailed t-test, p-value $<0.05$ ) in comparison to the healthy control cells (Figure 4-8). Notably, the vast majority of glycolytic core enzymes are similarly expressed in the tumor and the regressed samples (Figure A.22). 16 glycolytic enzymes are differentially expressed in the tumor sample in comparison to 15 enzymes in the regressed sample, out of which 12 overlap. The exceptions are a few cases where two different isoenzymes are expressed for the same reaction or additional isoenzymes are upregulated in the tumor. This supports the above-mentioned hypothesis stating that the consistent alteration of a few important core pathways (possibly in combination with metabolites exhibiting regulatory functions) might be enough to drive the metabolic phenotype. Also, the alternating usage of isoenzymes shows that network redundancy is partly responsible in the convergence of the transcriptome to the metabolome.


Figure 4.7. Glycolytic flux measurements of control and regressed samples. Percentage of intracellular labeled lactate in regressed and healthy control cells.

Additionally the intracellular levels of several amino acids changed in the tumor and the regressed samples in comparison to the healthy control samples (Figure 4-7, Table A.27, Table A.28). These results could also agree with the transcriptional upregulation of genes in the amino acid biosynthesis pathways. Aspartate, which is needed for the synthesis of several other amino acids is decreased intra- and extracellularly, whereas the amino acids beta-alanine, Tyrosine, Phenylalanine, Histidine and Tryptophan, which are synthesized from Aspartate increase intracellularly. Methionine and glutamine, whose increased uptake is one of the most common alterations in cancer metabolism, are only decreasing in the media of the tumor samples [141] [167]. Noteworthy, the urea cycle connected metabolites ornithine, putrescine and urea are increased in both samples intra- and extracellularly over the healthy control as well as the intracellular TCA cycle intermediates succinate, fumarate (not in tumor) and malate. Noteworthy, malate exhibits an intracellular log fold change of 5.39 and 5.84 in the tumor and regressed samples, respectively. Succinate and fumarate are additionally increased in the tumor in comparison to the control. The changes in metabolite levels were confirmed by in vivo measurements (ongoing work; personal communication, Ksenija Radic, EMBL Heidelberg). However, it is not possible to derive the direction of the flux change from concentrations measurements of metabolomics data. The same concentration can be reached by a higher or a lower flux in the respective pathway. Additionally, most metabolites typically participate in more reactions than enzymes, thus to redirect the cause for a change in direction is often difficult. In order to gain deeper insights into the nature of the measured metabolite concentration changes such as the metabolites from the urea cycle and the TCA cycle as well as their connection to the transcriptome/the interplay
between the transcriptome and metabolome genome scale metabolic modeling was utilized.

### 4.3.4 Genome scale metabolic modeling predicts an increased flux through the urea cycle as a second stable metabolic feature of regressed cancer cells

First a reporter metabolite analysis ${ }^{8}$ was conducted using the piano tool box [188]. Reporter metabolites can pinpoint to changes in the transcriptome that likely impact the metabolic phenotype. Identifying the consistent reporter metabolites between tumor and regressed cells and overlaying them with the metabolic changes on a network structure can help to pinpoint possible driver pathways. This approach has the advantage that it can identify also distant or isolated pathways of a metabolic network and pick up more subtle trends than other category based enrichment approaches. Further, in cases where the net metabolite concentration does not posses any changes or the metabolite cannot be measured, reporter metabolites supply an additional layer of information. Importantly, reporter metabolites can also help identifying network regions, in which potentially other mechanisms than the transcriptome regulate the metabolome variation, such as e.g. protein modifications, unsaturated enzyme capacities or metabolite concentrations. In this case, metabolites whose concentrations change greatly but without being predicted as reporter metabolites are good candidates. The reporter metabolites predicted for the tumor samples largely overlap with measured metabolites that change (Table A.29). As expected from the GO-Term analysis amongst the predicted reporter metabolites are metabolites participating in glycolysis and oxidative phosphorylation, intermediates from the TCA cycle, glutamine and additional amino acids as well as nucleotides. The reporter metabolites predict changes for nearly all metabolites in the central carbon metabolism, including metabolites, which could not be measured, indicating the glycolysis as a very likely pathway to change. The biggest groups of reporter metabolites consist of metabolites being used in cell surface marker synthesis and cell communication, such as chondroitin, keratan and heparan sulfate derivatives or ceramides (Table A.29). This prediction fits very well with the previous enrichment analysis of GO-categories and metabolites of these families are known to play an important role in cancer progression [186] [1] [168]. Genes of the keratin family and the cadherin superfamily are for instance highly upregulated and collagen family connected genes are highly downregulated (absolute log2 fold changes $>3$ ) in comparison to healthy cells. Additionally, the reporter metabolites predict many metabolites of the glutathione metabolism, including the SAM cycle, as well as a variety of inositol phosphates being altered. In both pathways only a limited number of metabolites can be experimentally measured, thus the reporter metabolites lay stress on these two possibly altered pathways. Overlapping the metabolites with the increase in transcript changes of the respective genes and the decrease in concentration of the few measured metabolites, it is likely that the flux through both pathways increases. An increased glutathione metabolism is a well-established

[^23]feature of proliferating cells to detoxify the increased amount of reactive oxygen species [9] [37]. Phosphatidylinositols are a diverse group of membrane lipids, whose signaling function, which regulates cellular key processes like differentiation, proliferation and apoptosis in normal and cancer cells, has been recognized over the past decade [204] [45] [33]. An interesting reporter metabolite is the metabolite nitric oxide. The nitric oxide synthesizing genes, especially NOS2, which is participating in the urea cycle, are highly upregulated (log2 fold change of 3.4) in comparison to healthy control cells. Although none of the other urea cycle intermediates (except for mitochondrial aspartate) is predicted, a higher flux in the urea cycle might be an explanation for the increase of the urea cycle metabolites in the media. The reporter metabolite analysis fails to predict most of the observed extracellular metabolite changes. Limited knowledge about transporters and their specificity might be a possible explanation.


Figure 4.8. Overview of molecular changes in the regressed breast cancer cells in comparison to the healthy control cells. A selection of significantly altered genes ( $\mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{adj}}<0.01$ ), targeted metabolites ( $\mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{adj}}<0.01, \log 2$ fold change $>0.5$ ) and reporter metabolites ( $\mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{adj}}<0.1$ ) of core metabolic processes are doverlaid. The two reporter metabolites in brackets are predicted to be changed in the endoplasmic reticulum. The figure design was reproduced from Oatley et al. (2018) and has been originally designed by Gisela Luz Machado. The contents of the original and the presented figure have been developed by myself. Adapted from Oatley et al. (2018). (Oatley 2018).

Overlapping the reporter metabolite predictions from the tumor with the metabolite measurements for the regressed structures shows, as expected, a high level of agreement for metabolites of the glycolysis (Figure 4-9, Table A.30). Probably connected to the higher glycolytic flux also purine and pyrimidine intermediates are still predicted to be changed. Likewise, many reporter metabolites fall into the pathways of phosphatidylinositols and cell surface marker synthesis and are accompanied by the same transcriptional changes. Interestingly, the urea cycle intermediate nitric oxide is consistently predicted. Together with the high upregulation of most genes from the urea cycle in comparison to healthy cells (NOS2 e.g. exhibits a log2 fold change of 6.7) and the persistent increase in the media concentration of its metabolites, this could hint at the possibility that the urea cycle is, aside from the glycolysis, a second pathway whose change/levels influences the metabolic phenotype of the regressed cells. Interestingly, nitric oxide has been shown to be regulated by HIF- $1 \alpha$ and itself also to activate HIF- $1 \alpha$. However, for the TCA cycle intermediates as well as the amino acids, the metabolite changes predicted by the transcriptome only partially overlap with measured metabolite levels (Figure 4-9). The first half of the TCA cycle is transcriptionally downregulated in comparison to the healthy control but none of the metabolite concentration changes whereas the concentration of TCA cycle intermediates of the second half increase but without any transcriptional changes associated. The decreased transcription of enzymes in the first half of the TCA cycle could also be connected to the activity of HIF-1 $\alpha$ as active HIF- $1 \alpha$ leads to an inhibitory post transcriptional modification of PDH. Furthermore, the glutathione pathway is an interesting case, since the same reporter metabolites and metabolite concentrations as in the tumor are predicted and measured, but the connected genes, which are upregulated over the control in the tumor, are unchanged or downregulated in the regressed cells. This could be an example in which the measured metabolite concentrations remain the same, although the flux through the underlying pathway decreases. Lastly, one observation from the reporter metabolites is that in the case of cytosolic aspartate and proline the D-enantiomers are predicted to change. Both metabolites also possess a change in the concentration of the intracellular and extracellular fractions of the regressed samples. Since the measurement cannot distinguish between the L - and the D - variant it is a possibility that the ratio of the enantiomers is altered in the regressed state. Finally, in order to interpret the measured metabolite changes and suggest whether related pathways are likely to be increased or decreased fluxes were predicted from genome scale mouse model, which was tailored by the transcriptome data. Flux predictions have the advantage to take into account the balance of the whole metabolic network when mapping the transcriptional changes. Since the metabolic network has many degrees of freedom, this results at the same time in overall viewer changes then simple enrichment methods. Furthermore, depending on the extent to which the transcriptomic changes are translated into flux changes distant parts of the network might be less likely to exhibit any change in flux distribution. Fluxes can be particularly suited to highlight redundancies in the metabolic network by alternate pathway solutions. The flux predictions correctly show an increased flux through
the glycolytic branching point (Figure 4-9, Table A.31). The uptake pathway is not predicted to change under simulating growth optimality since glucose is the growth limiting metabolite in both models. Notably, the model predicts a decreased flux through the TCA cycle at the entry and exit points of succinate and malate. Furthermore, the flux of malate leaving the mitochondria is predicted to stop completely. Combining this prediction with the potential increase of the flux through the urea cycle, as suggested by the reporter metabolite analysis, could offer a possible explanation for the measured increase of the intracellular concentrations of the TCA cycle intermediates fumarate, malate and succinate. The urea cycle potentially feeds the TCA cycle by producing fumarate, which accumulates because of the decreased enzyme levels and/or fluxes in the TCA cycle. This hypothesis is supported by in vivo experiments, which could validate increased protein levels for ARG1 as well as an increase in NOS activity for regressed cells (ongoing work; personal communication, Ksenija Radic, EMBL Heidelberg). Intriguingly, high levels of fumarate and succinate stabilize HIF- $1 \alpha$ levels, which in turn inhibits the succinate dehydrogenase oxidizing succinate to fumarate [56] [123]. It is imaginable, that through HIF- $1 \alpha$ a metabolite driven (NO, succinate, fumarate) feedback loop is active, which supports HIF-1 $\alpha$ activity in regressed cells and reinforces a glycolytic phenotype. An active glycolysis, which on the first sight contradicts the quiescent phenotype, could be one possible mechanism by which the regressed cells circumvent apoptosis [58] [76] [87] [19].

### 4.3.5 Comparing regressed cells from patient samples high glycolysis and urea cycle can be found in regressed samples of basal like HER2 positive cancer

Next I investigated if the observed transcriptional changes in the regressed breast cancer cells of our model system, which manifest on the metabolome level, translate to the patient situation. Therefore, two different publicly available microarray data sets of pre-treatment breast cancer tumors, post-treatment biopsies and healthy breast tissue were downloaded and analyzed [64] [114]. This comparison takes a novel perspective in the field of breast cancer patient data analysis as there is no study available yet, which collected and comprehensively analyzed all three types of samples. Comparable to our in vitro data, the post treatment samples cluster apart from the healthy control tissue as well as the pre-treatment tumor samples (Figure 4-10a). All of the three sample types gather exclusively amongst them, although the tumor samples as well as the regressed samples spread more than the healthy tissue samples. But since the pre- and the posttreatment group are from the same data set, the bigger spread could also be due to batch effects. When displaying the same data according to the diagnosed tumor type, the different groups group surprisingly well amongst each other, albeit their different treatment status. Furthermore, the first PC seems to distinguish between estrogen receptor (ER) positive and negative sample types. The ER status is one of the major markers for classifying breast cancer types and following therapy approaches. Thus, it can be concluded that the biological variation in the integrated
data set is bigger than the technical variation and that despite the treatment the post treatment group carries a substantial tumor memory.


FIGURE 4.9. Joint analysis of publicly available microarray data of patient samples.
Pre- and post-treatment breast cancer biopsies were contrasted with samples from healthy breast tissue. (a) Dimensionality reduction plots from the common subset of quantified genes colored by sample group or diagnosed tumor type. Encircled is the regressed basal HER2 negative subgroup, which was taken for the comparison with the in vitro data in b. (b) Differentially expressed glycolytic genes from the patient data over the healthy biopsies ( $\mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{adj}}<0.1$ ). Differentially expressed glycolytic genes ( $\mathrm{p}_{\text {adj }}<0.01$ ) from the in vitro mouse data of the regressed cells are depicted in comparison.

Next, I investigated if similar transcriptional signatures with regard to metabolic changes are present in the combined data as in our in vitro samples. Therefore, I decided to compare the data with the subset of basal HER2 negative samples since amongst the present tumor subtypes this sample group is the closest to the cancer type developed in our system. The basal HER2 positive subtype would be even better suited, but unfortunately there is only one sample available of this subtype. Reassuringly, the same glycolytic alterations on the transcript level were found in the basal HER2 negative subgroup, even though a little less pronounced (Figure 4-10b). Increased glycolysis does not seem like a common transcriptional alteration of all regressed cancer samples, as for instance the samples of the (less aggressive) Luminal A+B subtypes exhibited no glycolytic alterations. Increased glycolytic flux could be one feature of cancer cells generally more resistant to therapy. Furthermore, one of the enzymes of the urea cycle exhibited an increased expression in the basal HER2 negative post treatment samples (Figure A. 23 a,c). Although not conclusive because of missing replicates, but still noteworthy, the one basal HER2 positive sample also showed a concomitant upregulation of the urea cycle in comparison to the healthy tissue samples having exactly the same enzymes altered as in our model system (Figure A. 23 b). Finally, the nucleotide metabolism is also concordantly upregulated in the basal HER2 negative samples in comparison to the healthy samples, which could be connected to the observed upregulation of the glycolytic enzymes as the nucleotide metabolism is fed from glycolytic intermediates (Figure A.24a-c).

### 4.3.6 Irreversible imprinting of the tumor state on methylome level?

The observation, that the transcriptome of regressed breast cancer cells, in vitro, in vivo and in patient samples is stably deregulated with an upregulation of genes from the glycolysis and the TCA cycle as a repetitive feature poses the question, how these transcriptional alterations become stably imprinted. This question is even of bigger relevance since we could show that the transcriptomic alterations manifest in a globally altered metabolic state mirroring the metabolic state of tumor cells. A possible explanation could be a permanent change of the epigenetic landscape towards more active transcription. This hypothesis gets supported by the fact that the intracellular metabolic concentrations of the TCA cycle intermediates fumarate and succinate (which are increased in the tumor and the regressed state) have recently been shown to regulate methylation in cancer cells [198] [100] [101]. One additional hint might be the observation that c-MYC unrelated genes with increased expression in the regressed cells in comparison to the healthy cells cluster locally on the genome, as it is for example the case on chromosome 15 (Figure 4-11).


Figure 4.10. Read counts aligned at a detail from chromosome 15 as an example of physically clustered c-MYC unrelated genes. Physical read clusters of differentially expressed genes ( $\mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{adj}}<0.01$ ) in the regressed cells in comparison to the control of c-MYC target genes and c-MYC unrelated genes.

### 4.4 Conclusions and future directions

The preceding chapter assessed the molecular adaptations of breast cancer cells during tumor formation and after tumor regression. Surprisingly, although phenotypically undistinguishable from healthy cells, it could be demonstrated that regressed breast cancer established an oncogenic memory after the complete withdrawal of oncogenes. The memory appeared to be more dominant on the metabolome level, with the majority of the measured metabolites coinciding between the tumor and the regressed samples. Intriguingly, however, on the transcriptome level the expression of genes largely varied between tumor and regressed cells with the majority of genes being uniquely altered in the tumor cells. The rather few number of genes, which overlapped between the tumor and the regressed cells on the transcriptome level, in turn, possessed the same trend in their expression levels. The latter observation poses three questions: 1) are the few observed transcriptional changes sufficient to drive or maintain the metabolic tumor phenotype in regressed cells 2) are alternate metabolic paths tunneling into the same metabolic phenotype; 3) do the same metabolite concentrations actually correspond to the same fluxes and therefore metabolic phenotypes. Analysing the transcriptome and metabolome data in greater depth and integrating them with flux data and genome scale modeling techniques, confirmed a high glycolytic flux amongst both, the tumor and the regressed, phenotypically quiescent cancer cells. This increased glycolytic activity is strongly deregulated on the transcriptional and the metabolic level in both cell types analyzed and exhibits a few alternate isoenzymes being differentially expressed. A second potentially important deregulated pathway for maintaining the metabolic cancer phenotype in regressed cells is a concomitant upregulation of enzymes from the urea cycle with a coupled increase of urea cycle intermediates suggesting an increased metabolic flux through the urea cycle. The tight connection between transcriptional and metabolomic changes in these central pathways support the idea that few but important alterations might be sufficient to influence the global metabolite level towards the metabolic cancer phenotype. The TCA cycle metabolism, in contrast, could be an example of how the same metabolite levels could result from different fluxes: In the tumor, an upregulated expression of enzymes from the TCA cycle in comparison to the healthy control is coupled with a highly increased intracellular and extracellular concentration of the TCA cycle intermediates, succinate, fumarate and malate. This suggests an increased flux through the TCA cycle. However in the regressed cells, the same high level of increased metabolite concentrations is coupled with a clear decrease in transcript abundance and the predicted decrease of TCA cycle flux in comparison to the healthy controls. The ROS or hypoxia induced stabilization of HIF-1 $\alpha$ as well as the TCA cycle intermediates succinate and fumarate could have a central role in connecting the increased flux through the glycolysis with the increase an decrease of fluxes of the urea cycle and TCA cycle, respectively. Except for isoenzymes in the glycolysis, I found no evidence of alternative pathway routes being active, however it might be difficult to identify them in less central pathways. It might be interesting to investigate probable signaling routes of the oncogenes cMYC and HER2 or the
transcription factor HIF-1 $\alpha$. The presented transcriptomic analysis focused mostly on enzyme levels rather than genes with regulatory functions. By following these signaling routes novel causal crosslinks to other signaling proteins or to metabolic changes may appear. This might however be impeded by posttranslational modifications, playing a major role in regulatory signaling cascades. The interplay between the transcriptional and metabolome level in MRD should be further investigated by integrating the lipidomics and untargeted metabolomics data in the genome scale modeling approach. The genome scale modeling approach could additionally be extended by integrating the measured changes of extracellular metabolite concentrations in the model as uptake and secretion constraints. Therefore, metabolomics measurements of absolute concentrations with calibrated standards need to be performed. Predicting metabolic fluxes with these additional constraints could increase the extent and specificity of the predicted metabolic fluxes that are likely to change. Alternatively, also known posttranscriptional modifications such as the inhibition of PDH under HIF- $1 \alpha$ activity could be implemented to increase the precision of the predicted fluxes by minimizing the degrees of freedom. Finally, the mouse GEMM can also be improved by tailoring it to mouse specific reactions. A comprehensive integration of the three metabolomics datasets focusing on the common features amongst them might be gained by integration with MOFA [8]. This might identify additional major "driver" pathways, which could be specifically interesting for detangling potential regulatory roles of phosphatidylinositols. On the experimental side it could be interesting to test whether Hif1 $\alpha$ is indeed active and causal for the glycolytic phenotype. In this case it could be further investigated if its activity influences metabolites in the urea and TCA cycle and vice versa. Furthermore, studying whether the glycolytic flux has a flux regulatory role or inhibitory role on apoptosis independent from HIF- $1 \alpha$ is another intriguing question. It would furthermore be interesting to analyze whether the epigenetic landscape in regressed cells in comparison to healthy cells and if these changes are influenced by TCA cycle metabolite concentrations and finally if they could be possibly linked to the observed and predicted stable changes in flux patterns.


General Conclusion

In this dissertation, metabolic adaption was analyzed in two different contexts. First towards a new nutritional environment and then in the context of oncogenic signaling. The second chapter showed how metabolic networks quickly adapt to the new stimuli, leveraging two key features of metabolic networks, redundancy and plasticity. The redundancy of metabolic network regulation instantly becomes obvious in the context of glycerol adaptation, where independently two different pathway solutions of adaptation evolved, one via abolishing the HOG pathway and one abolishing the two genes KGD1 and UBC13. However, this study also showed the limitation of the metabolic network redundancy for the alternate carbon source glycerol, as both alternative pathways were tied to metabolic trade-offs in other environments. The results of this thesis show that the two novel mutations KGD1 and UBC13 are causative and sufficient for the glycerol growth phenotype. Furthermore, this new metabolic route for glycerol utilization was explained by a shift in the organism's redox-balance under glycerol consumption. This is the first time a mutation in the context of glycerol utilization other than GUT1 could be mechanistically linked to metabolism. Third, a novel regulatory cross-link between the K63-specific ubiquitinylation machinery and carbon-source driven metabolic fluxes was discovered. In human cells, the extent of plasticity in metabolic network regulation facilitating adaptation was recently demonstrated in the context of hematopoietic stem cell development. The metabolic state of a developing proliferative stem cell population was completely altered to a metabolically quiescent state [128]. These findings illustrate that metabolic adaptations of cells to a new cellular state are an important process occurring during stem cell development. Studying metabolic network adaptation in breast cancer reveals metabolic adaptations accompanying the transition of a differentiated cell to a cancer cell in order to fulfill the demands of a proliferative phenotype. However, after stopping oncogenic signaling, the cells failed to metabolically readapt to their original non-proliferative metabolic state. The metabolic network regulation shows an increase in robustness becoming independent from cellular signaling. The exhibited metabolic network plasticity and redundancy now reversely allow the stable rewiring of the regressed cancer cells prohibiting adaptation. The present findings show for the first time an oncogenic memory on metabolic level in residual cancer cells. Cancer cells are known to lose their metabolic plasticity through the hard wiring of artificial oncogenic signaling. What was unknown though is that this is a stable feature pervading in the regressed states even after the oncogenic signaling is stopped completely. An interesting hypothesis to study in this context will be the question if the robustness is supported by changes in the epigenetic landscape, possibly even induced by the altered metabolism or metabolite levels itself. I showed in this thesis that metabolic adaption is a very important process in eukaryotic cell physiology, ensuring the adequate response to environmental or intrinsic impulses. Plasticity and redundancy of metabolic networks have been shown to be key features of eukaryotic metabolic networks. While high levels of eukaryotic metabolic network plasticity and redundancy in the case of glycerol adaptation and also in cellular development facilitate the adaptive process of metabolism towards novel stimuli, in the context of cancer they enable the establishment of metabolic network
robustness. This on the contrary prohibits adaptation and leads to a stable state insensitive to adaptation mechanisms. During the evolutionary process of glycerol adaptation, natural selection governed adaptation. Similarly, the regulatory systems ensured metabolic adaptation towards the cellular state during the developmental process or at the beginning of oncogenesis. However, prolonged oncogenic signaling deregulates the metabolic regulatory network and lets network plasticity and redundancy enter an irreversible disease state, which is failing adaption. Thus, plasticity and redundancy can be beneficial in the context of adaption as long as the right regulatory mechanisms are in place ensuring an adaptive response to the extrinsic and intrinsic signaling events. To elucidate how plasticity and redundancy can promote metabolic adaptation or contrariwise hinder it, a better understanding of metabolic network regulation is needed. Specifically, the deregulation of metabolic networks in disease contexts such as cancer can be advantageous in deciphering metabolic disease mechanism. I hope this work has brought us closer to understand how adaptive processes alter metabolic networks by taking advantage of their structural properties. From a methodological perspective, genome-scale metabolic modeling has been used successfully to integrate and interpret multi-layer data obtained by various omics technologies such as genomics, transcriptomics, proteomics and metabolomics. Furthermore, I contributed to the field of genome-scale metabolic modeling and omics data integration by providing a revised human model optimized for flux balance analysis. As an extent to this approach the integration of other omics types could enrich the current workflow and explore further mechanisms of metabolic network regulation during adaptation e.g. by studying epigenetic imprints with methylome data. Lastly, as the metabolic network regulation was shown to play a key role in the metabolic adaptation process an integrative approach combining metabolic modeling with the mathematical modeling of kinetic signaling networks could be a valuable approach for future exploration. As the volume and diversity of high-throughput data will likely expand in future, the interpretation and integration of large multi-layered data will remain challenging. This thesis represents one attempt of tackling the question of how we can learn mechanistic insights from large and complex data volumes. Or how a former professor of mine paraphrased it how to "gain knowledge from this mess".

## Abbreviations

ALE - Adaptive laboratory evolution
WT - wild-type
NOX - NADH oxidase
ORF - open reading frame
USER - uracil-specific excision reagent
gDNA - genomic DNA
gRNA - guide RNA
CDW - cell dry weight
MNV - multi-nucleotide variant
SNV - single-nucleotide variant
SNP - single-nucleotide polymorphism
SV - structural variant
MA - mutation accumulation experiments
CNV - copy number variation
HOG - high-osmolarity glycerol
PPP - pentose phosphate pathway
R-GU - Reengineered strain with GUT1 and UBC13 mutation
R-GK - Reengineered strain with GUT1 and KGD1 mutation
R-GKU - Reengineered strain with GUT1, KGD1 and UBC13 mutation
YPD medium - yeast extract peptone dextrose medium
SPO medium - sporulation medium
M medium - mineral medium
MG medium - minimal glycerol medium
MG+ medium - minimal glycerol medium supplemented with amino acids
MD medium - minimal glucose medium
GEMM - genome-scale metabolic model
COBRA - constrained-based reconstruction and analysis
FBA - flux balance analysis
HMDB - human metabolome database
FVA - flux variability analysis
FC - Fold change
NI - Never induced
WT - Wild type
DE - Differentially expression
PPP - pentose phosphate pathway

TCA - Tricarboxylic acid<br>Oxphos - Oxidative phosphorylation<br>RNA - Ribonucleic acid<br>RNASeq - RNA sequencing<br>PCA - Principal component analysis<br>MRD - Minimal residual disease



APPENDIX A


Figure A.1. Sorted distribution of variant calling scores from unfiltered variant calls of all WT and NOX endpoint as well as intermediate NOX lineages evolved with mode-I and mode-II.


Figure A.2. Sorted distribution of variant calling scores from unfiltered variant calls of all sequenced tetrads.


Figure A.3. Sequencing reads of the WT parental strain and the mode-II evolved WT lineages ALE1 to ALE3 aligned to the S. cerevisiae S288C reference genome and summarized in 1 kb windows.



Figure A.4. Sequencing reads of the NOX parental strain and the mode-II evolved NOX lineages ALE5 to ALE11 aligned to the $S$. cerevisiae S288C reference genome and summarized in 1 kb windows. 112



Figure A.5. Sequencing reads of the NOX parental strain and the mode-I evolved NOX lineages GEVO5, GEVO9, GEVO17, GEVO25, GEVO29, GEVO26, GEVO30 aligned to the $S$. cerevisiae S 288 C 1dference genome and summarized in 1 kb windows.


Figure A.6. Re-engineered single and double mutations found in evolved NOX lineages in wild-type background CEN.PK strains. Curves are plotted using $R$ language using 'loess' method based on at least two biological replicates per experiment. This figure and the corresponding legend text have been adapted from Strucko et al. (2018) [178].


Figure A.7. Growth characteristics of double mutations found in evolved NOX lineages re-engineered in WT and NOX backgrounds. Curves are plotted with R language using 'loess' method based on two biological replicates. This figure and the corresponding legend text have been adapted from Strucko et al. (2018) [178].


Figure A.8. Spot assay on the evolved lineages on the high osmolarity medium. Images were taken after three days incubation at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Lineage names depicted in green originated from WT stain background, and in yellow - from NOX strain background. This figure and the corresponding legend text have been adapted from Strucko et al. (2018) [178].

Spore ID

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Figure A.9. Growth curves of the first generation spores in liquid MG medium. Highlighted squares represent the spore that was used for the following mat$\mathrm{ing} /$ sporulation analysis. Curves are plotted with $R$ language using 'loess' method. This figure and the corresponding legend text have been adapted from Strucko et al. (2018) [178].


Time (h)



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| $-\exp 2$ |
| $-\exp 3$ |
| $-\exp 4$ |
| $-\exp 5$ |

Figure A.10. Re-engineered single, double and triple mutations found in the ALE2 lineage in wild-type background CEN.PK strains. Curves are plotted with $R$ language using 'loess' method based on at least two biological replicates per experiment (exp).

## Maximum growth rate

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Figure A.11. Re-engineered double and triple mutations found in the ALE2 lineage in wild-type background CEN.PK strains. Curves are plotted with R language using 'loess' method based on at least two biological replicates per experiment. Growth rates are estimated using all replicates of five independent experiments. $\mathrm{S}=$ short, $\mathrm{M}=$ medium, $\mathrm{L}=$ long. $\mathrm{G}=\mathrm{GUT} 1, \mathrm{I}=\mathrm{INO} 00, \mathrm{~K}=\mathrm{KGD1} 1, \mathrm{U}=\mathrm{UBC} 13$. This figure and the corresponding legend text have been adapted from Strucko et al. (2018) [178].


Figure A.12. Volcano plot highlighting the 5356 differentially expressed genes (padj < 0.01 ) comparing the tumor samples with healthy controls.


Figure A.13. Heatmap of significantly ( $q$-value $<0.1$ ) upregulated (red) and downregulated (blue) KEGG pathways comparing the tumor samples with healthy controls. The batches correspond to different experiments and the replicates to different animals.


Figure A.14. Volcano plot highlighting the 1525 differentially expressed genes (padj < 0.01 ) comparing the regressed samples with healthy controls.


Figure A.15. Heatmap of significantly (q-value < 0.1) upregulated (red) and downregulated (blue) KEGG pathways comparing the regressed samples with healthy controls. The batches correspond to different experiments and the replicates to different animals.


PC1 (41\% variance explained)

Figure A.16. PCA plot of the transcriptome data subsetted to metabolic genes. Blue represents healthy control samples, yellow tumorigenic samples and green regressed samples. Centroids are drawn to represent the center of each sample group considering the first two PCs. The calculated distance measure is the Euclidean distance between the centroids of the samples based on all principal components. Ctrl - Control samples, Tumor - Tumor samples, Regressed - Regressed samples.


Figure A.17. Quantification of normalized transcript counts of heterologous (human) and endogenous (mouse) c-MYC.


Figure A.18. Density distribution of $\log 2$ fold changes between the tumor and the regressed organoid samples.


Figure A.19. Log2 fold changes of the regressed samples over the tumor samples. Only genes are selected, which in comparison to the healthy control are differentially expressed (a) only in the tumor samples (b) in the tumor and the regressed samples (c) only in the regressed samples. The solid line depicts the mean log2 fold change and the dotted line the absolute mean change in the respective selection of genes.


Figure A.20. PCA plot of the transcriptome data subsetted to genes uniquely differently expressed (over the healthy control) in (a) the tumor samples (b) the tumor and the regressed samples (c) the regressed samples. Centroids are drawn to represent the center of each sample group considering the first two PCs. The calculated distance measure is the Euclidean distance between the centroids of the samples based on all principal components. Ctrl - Control.

b
Samples


Figure A.21. In vitro targeted GCMS metabolomics analysis of intra- and extracellular metabolite. Only significantly altered (padj < 0.01) metabolites in either the tumor or the regressed cells in comparison to the control samples are depicted. Sample names.


Figure A.22. Transcriptomic $\log 2$ fold changes of differentially expressed genes in the tumor samples in comparison to the healthy samples plotted against the log2 fold changes of differentially expressed genes in the regressed samples in comparison to the healthy samples for intersecting glycolytic core enzymes. The solid line represents a linear fit through the data. The dotted line depicts the diagonal.


Figure A.23. KEGG pathways of arginine biosynthesis with enzymes, whose transcript levels significantly change over the respective healthy control being marked. The coloring represents log2 fold changes. (a) Basal HER2 negative group in comparison to healthy tissue samples. (b) Basal HER2 positive group over healthy tissue samples. (c) In vitro tumor cells derived from the mouse model in comparison to healthy control cells. The depicted maps are from the KEGG database


Figure A.24. KEGG pathways of purine metabolism with enzymes, whose transcript levels significantly change over the respective healthy control being marked. The coloring represents log2 fold changes. (a) Basal HER2 negative group in comparison to healthy tissue samples. (b) Basal HER2 positive group over healthy tissue samples. (c) In vitro tumor cells derived from the mouse model in comparison to healthy control cells The depicted maps are from the KEGG database.

Protein_id: sp|P52490|UBC13_YEAST - sequence coverage: 43.1 \%


Figure A.25. Peptide overlay onto Ubc13 amino acid sequence. Results in the figure show truncated Ubc13 sequence as no confident alignment of MS/MS detected peptides was possible after the 70th amino acid. This figure and the corresponding legend text have been reproduced from Strucko et al. (2018) with permission and have been originally done and written by myself (Strucko 2018).

TABLE A.1. List of oligonucleotides. All sequences are displayed in 5 ' to 3 ' direction. This table and the corresponding legend text have been reproduced from Strucko et al. (2018) with permission [178].

| Name | Target | Sequence |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | For USER cloning |
| PCFB_5 | $p T E F 1$ | acctgcacuttgtaattaaaacttag |
| PCFB_6 | $p T E F 1$ | cacgcgaugcacacaccatagcttc |
| PCFB_8 | $p P G K 1$ | atgacagauttgttttatatttgttg |
| TS_16 | Kp.nox | ATCTGTCAUATGAGTAAAATCGTTGTAGTCGG |
| TS_17 | Kp.nox | CACGCGAUTTATTTTTCAGCCGTAAGGGCAG |
|  |  | For guide RNA constructs |
| TS_109 | gRNA_R | Phos-GATCATTTATCTTTCACTGCG |
| TS_72 | PPZ2 | CCAATGTTACAAGAGTCTACGTTTTAGAGCTAGAA |
| TS_73 | GUT1_1 | CATCCACTGCCAGAACCGACGTTTTAGAGCTAGAA |
| TS_74 | GUT1_3 | GGGCAACTCGCTTACAAACCGTTTTAGAGCTAGAA |
| TS_76 | KGD1 | CgGCAGCAACAgCACCACTTGTTTTAGAGCTAGAA |
| TS_77 | PBS2_1 | ATGCAATTCTCCCTATatTGGTTTTAGAGCTAGAA |
| TS_78 | PBS2_2 | AATTGAGCgCTATTGTTGATGTTTTAGAGCTAGAA |
| TS_79 | HOG1_1 | CTGAGATGTCAAAGTGTCCGGTTTTAGAGCTAGAA |
| TS_80 | HOG1_2 | AAACATAGCCTGTCATTTGAGTTTTAGAGCTAGAA |
| TS_81 | YMR206W | TGGTGACATTgGTTGAGAGTGTTTTAGAGCTAGAA |
| TS_110 | GUT1_2 | CATTGCCTTCAAGATAGCCCGTTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAG |
| TS_112 | TEA1 | TCATCAACGTACCAGACTTTGTTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAG |
| TS_113 | UBC13 | TATATCATCCCAATATTGATGTTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAG |
| TS_114 | CYM1 | TATTTGTAAGGTAGGTTAAACGTTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAG |
| TS_115 | INO80 | GGAATCGATTGGATTGTAGTGTTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAG |
| TS_116 | RET1 | TGACTCCGCCTCATGAGTGTGTTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAG |
| TJOS-62 | (P1F) | CGTGCGAUagggaacaaaagctggagct |
| TJOS-63 | (P2F) | AGTGCAGGUagggaacaaaagctggagct |
| TJOS-64 | (P3F) | ATCTGTCAUagggaacaaaagctggagct |
| TJOS-65 | (P1R) | CACGCGAUtaactaattacatgactcga |
| TJOS-66 | (P2R) | ACCTGCACUtaactaattacatgactcga |
| TJOS-67 | (P3R) | ATGACAGAUtaactaattacatgactcga |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ILTHY | $07 I^{-} \mathrm{SL}$ |
|  | O8ONI | $6 \mathrm{II}^{-} \mathrm{SL}$ |
|  | INXO | $8 \mathrm{II}^{-} \mathrm{SL}$ |
|  | ยıวяก | $2 \mathrm{II}^{-} \mathrm{SL}$ |
|  | IVGL | ${ }^{\text {¢ }}$ - ${ }^{\text {SL }}$ |
|  | M90z\%Wス | 86 ${ }^{-}$SL |
|  | $\bar{z}^{-}$IŋOH | $66^{-}$SL |
|  | $I^{-}$IŋOH | [6-sL |
|  | $\overline{7}^{-} 7598$ | $06^{-} \mathrm{SL}$ |
|  | $I^{-}$zSgd | $68^{-}$SL |
|  | цаэу | $88^{-}$SL |
|  |  | L8 ${ }^{-}$SL |
|  | $\tau^{-}$LLLOD | $98^{-}$SL |
|  | $\varepsilon^{-}$ILLOD | $98^{-}$SL |
|  | $I^{-}$ILLOD | ¢8-SL |
|  | zZdd | 88 ${ }^{-}$SL |
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| Name | Target | Sequence |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Primers for validation |
| TS_95 | PPZ2 | GTAAGCAGTCCCTGGAGACC |
| TS_96 | PPZ2 | TCAGCGATTGGCTAATTTAC |
| TS_97 | GUT1 | TAGTCAAGAGAAACCTGCCC |
| TS_98 | GUT1 | ACCTTCTGACTTTGACACAG |
| TS_99 | KGD1 | ACCCAAGATATTTCCCATCTG |
| TS_100 | KGD1 | CATCTTTAGGATTGTTGGAAAAC |
| TS_101 | PBS2 | GGAAGTCCGTTTGGAGCTAG |
| TS_102 | PBS2 | TAGATAAACCATTCTCACCACG |
| TS_103 | HOG1 | TAGGACACAGATATTCGGTACAG |
| TS_104 | HOG1 | CTTACCTTCAATCATTTCGGC |
| TS_105 | YMR206W | AAGGACATTCAAAGGATCGC |
| TS_106 | YMR206W | TTCTTCTATGGTGATGCCTTG |
| TS_107 | TEA1 | TGAGCAAAGTACAGCCCGT |
| TS_108 | TEA1 | ATGGCTTGTTAAAGGTGAGC |
| TS_121 | UBC13 | AGTAAGTGACCCAGTACCTGGC |
| TS_122 | UBC13 | TCACTCGGGTTTCTTCTTTGC |
| TS_123 | CYM1 | TGAGAGCTTGTTGTTTGAGGA |
| TS_124 | CYM1 | GAGGCTCTGTGGTGTTAGGG |
| TS_125 | INO80 | AGAACAGGATGACAATGACGA |
| TS_126 | INO80 | CAACCCGTGTCTAGTGTTG |
| TS_127 | RET1 | CTGCTCAGGATAAGTGGCAC |
| TS_128 | RET1 | CATCTGCCTCCACAATAATACG |
|  |  | Primer for determination of MAT locus |
| MAT_R | MAT | AGTCACATCAAGATCGTTTATGG |
| MAT $\alpha_{\text {_ }}$ F | MAT | ACGGAATATGGGACTACTTCG |
| MATa_F | MAT | ACTCCACTTCAAGTAAGAGTTTG |

TABLE A.2. List of the $S$. cerevisiae strains. This table and the corresponding legend text have been reproduced from Strucko et al. (2018) with permission [178].

| \#ID | Name 2 | Genotype | Comments (Source) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | CEN.PK113-7D | MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 | Peter Koetter |
|  | CEN.PK113-1A | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8c SUC2 | Peter Koetter |
|  | L. 1528 | MATa/ MAT $\alpha$ WT | NZ strains |
|  | CLIB382 | MATa/ MAT $\alpha$ WT | NZ strains |
|  | 7D_Cas9 | MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 pCfB2312::KanMX | This study |
|  | 1A_Cas9 | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8c SUC2 pCfB2312::KanMX | This study |
| TS290 | TS29 (NOX) | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8c SUC2 X3::pTEF1::NOX::KanMX | This study |
|  | Mode-I_ALE |  |  |
|  | GEVO05 | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8c SUC2 X3::pTEF1::NOX::KanMX evolved | This study |
|  | GEVO09 | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8c SUC2 X3::pTEF1::NOX::KanMX evolved | This study |
|  | GEVO13 | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8c SUC2 X3::pTEF1::NOX::KanMX evolved | This study |
|  | GEVO17 | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8c SUC2 X3::pTEF1::NOX::KanMX evolved | This study |
|  | GEVO21 | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8c SUC2 X3::pTEF1::NOX::KanMX evolved | This study |
|  | GEVO25 | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8c SUC2 X3::pTEF1::NOX::KanMX evolved | This study |
|  | GEVO26 | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8c SUC2 X3::pTEF1::NOX::KanMX evolved | This study |
|  | GEVO29 | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8c SUC2 X3::pTEF1::NOX::KanMX evolved | This study |
|  | GEVO30 | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8c SUC2 X3::pTEF1::NOX::KanMX evolved | This study |


| \#ID | Name 2 | Genotype | Comments (Source) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mode-II ALE |  |  |
|  | ALE1 | MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 evolved | This study |
|  | ALE2 | MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 evolved | This study |
|  | ALE3 | MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 evolved | This study |
|  | ALE4 | MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 evolved | This study |
|  | ALE5 | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8c SUC2 X3::pTEF1::NOX::KanMX evolved | This study |
|  | ALE6 | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8c SUC2 X3::pTEF1::NOX::KanMX evolved | This study |
|  | ALE7 | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8c SUC2 X3::pTEF1::NOX::KanMX evolved | This study |
|  | ALE8 | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8c SUC2 X3::pTEF1::NOX::KanMX evolved | This study |
|  | ALE9 | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8c SUC2 X3::pTEF1::NOX::KanMX evolved | This study |
|  | ALE10 | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8c SUC2 X3::pTEF1::NOX::KanMX evolved | This study |
| CLASSICAL GENETICS |  |  |  |
|  | ALE2-2A | MAT? MAL2-8c SUC2 spore isolate | 1st cross segregant |
|  | ALE2-2B | MAT? MAL2-8c SUC2 spore isolate | 1st cross segregant |
|  | ALE2-2C | MAT? MAL2-8c SUC2 spore isolate | 1st cross segregant |
|  | ALE2-2D | MAT? MAL2-8c SUC2 spore isolate | 1st cross segregant |
|  | ALE2-3A | MAT? MAL2-8c SUC2 spore isolate | 1st cross segregant |
|  | ALE2-3B | MAT? MAL2-8c SUC2 spore isolate | 1st cross segregant |
|  | ALE2-3C | MAT? MAL2-8c SUC2 spore isolate | 1st cross segregant |
|  | ALE2-3D | MAT? MAL2-8c SUC2 spore isolate | 1st cross segregant |
|  | ALE2-4A | MAT? MAL2-8c SUC2 spore isolate | 1st cross segregant |
|  | ALE2-4B | MAT? MAL2-8c SUC2 spore isolate | 1st cross segregant |
|  | ALE2-4C | MAT? MAL2-8c SUC2 spore isolate | 1st cross segregant |
|  | ALE2-4D | MAT? MAL2-8c SUC2 spore isolate | 1st cross segregant |
|  | 4C-2D | MAT? MAL2-8c SUC2 spore isolate | 2nd cross segregant |
|  | 4C-2D-5C | MAT? MAL2-8c SUC2 spore isolate | 3rd cross segredant |
|  | 4C-2D-10B | MAT? MAL2-8c SUC2 spore isolate | 3rd cross segredant |


| \#ID | Name 2 | Genotype | Comments (Source) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | RECONSTRUCTED |  |  |
| TS105 | R-G1 | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8c SUC2 GUT1(E572Q) | This study |
| TS107 | R-G5 | MAT ${ }^{\text {MAL2-8c SUC2 GUT1(Y571D) }}$ | This study |
| TS108 | R-P | MATa MAL2-8C SUC2 PBS2(I418fs) | This study |
| TS110 | R-H1 | MAT $~ M A L 2-8 c ~ S U C 2 ~ H O G 1(38 * s t o p) ~$ | This study |
| TS113 | R-H2 | MATa MAL2-8C SUC2 HOG1(D162N) | This study |
| TS114 | R-T | MATa MAL2-8C SUC2 TAE1(P456A) | This study |
| TS116 | R-PPZ2 | MATa MAL2-8C SUC2 PPZ2(R532L) | This study |
| TS121 | R-H2 | MATa MAL2-8C SUC2 HOG1(D162N) | This study |
| TS123 | R-K | MATa MAL2-8C SUC2 KGD1(A990D) | This study |
| TS125 | R-K |  | This study |
| TS127 | R-G1P1 | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8c SUC2 GUT1(E572Q) PBS2(I418fs) | This study |
| TS129 | R-G1H1 | MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 GUT1(E572Q) HOG1(38*stop) | This study |
| TS131 | R-G1H2 | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8c SUC2 GUT1(E572Q) HOG1(D106Y) | This study |
| TS133 | R-G5H1 | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8c SUC2 GUT1(Y571D) HOG1(38*stop) | This study |
| TS136 | R-TG1 | MATa MAL2-8C SUC2 TAE1(P456A) GUT1(E572Q) | This study |
| TS138 | R-PPZ2T | MATa MAL2-8C SUC2 PPZ2(R532L) TAE1(P456A) | This study |
| TS140 | R-PPZ2G1 | MATa MAL2-8C SUC2 PPZ2(R532L) GUT1(E572Q) | This study |
| TS143 | R-R | MATa MAL2-8C SUC2 RET1(K109E) | This study |
| TS144 | R-U | MATa MAL2-8C SUC2 UBC13(R70fs) | This study |
| TS146 | R-C | MATa MAL2-8C SUC2 CYM1(S530F) | This study |
| TS148 | R-X | MATa MAL2-8C SUC2 YMR206W(P227L) | This study |
| TS150 | R-I | MATa MAL2-8C SUC2 INO80(C359Y) | This study |
| TS153 | R-GI | MAT ${ }^{\text {MAL2-8c SUC2 GUT1(E572Q) INO80(C359Y) }}$ | This study |
| TS154 | R-GU | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8c SUC2 GUT1(E572Q) UBC13(R70fs) | This study |
| TS156 | R-RX | MATa MAL2-8C SUC2 RET1(K109E) YMR206W(P227L) | This study |
| TS164 | R-G1P1 | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8c SUC2 GUT1(E572Q) PBS2(I418fs) | This study |
| TS165 | R-G1H1 | MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 GUT1(E572Q) HOG1(38*stop) | This study |
| TS166 | R-G1P1 (5) NOX | MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 GUT1(E572Q) PBS2(I418fs) X3(pTEF1-S.p.NOX::) | This study |
| TS168 | R-G1H1 (7) NOX | MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 GUT1(E572Q) HOG1(38*stop) X3(pTEF1-S.p.NOX::KanMX) | This study |
| TS170 | R-GK | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8c SUC2 GUT1(E572Q) KGD1(A990D) | This study |
| TS172 | R-GIK | MAT ${ }^{\text {MAL2-8c SUC2 GUT1(E572Q) INO80(C359Y) KGD1(A990D) }}$ | This study |
| TS175 | R-GIU | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8c SUC2 GUT1(E572Q) INO80(C359Y) UBC13(R70fs) | This study |
| TS177 | R-GUK | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8c SUC2 GUT1(E572Q) UBC13(R70fs) KGD1(A990D) | This study |
| TS178 | R-GUX | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8c SUC2 GUT1(E572Q) UBC13(R70fs) YMR206W(P227L) | This study |
| TS233 | R-KU | MATa MAL2-8C SUC2 KGD1(A990D) UBC13(R70fs) | This study |
| TS235 | R-UI | MATa MAL2-8C SUC2 UBC13(R70fs) INO80(C359Y) | This study |
| TS237 | R-KI | MAT $\alpha$ MAL2-8C SUC2 KGD1(A990D) INO80(C359Y) | This study |
| TS256 | L.1528-GUK | MATa / a GUT1(E572Q) UBC13(R70fs) KGD1(A990D) | This study |
| TS261 | CLIB382-GUK | MAT $/$ / G GUT1(E572Q) UBC13(R70fs) KGD1(A990D) | This study |

TABLE A.3. Marker ions used for the quantification of the mentioned metabolites by GC-MS. This table and the corresponding legend text have been reproduced from Strucko et al. (2018) with permission [178].

| $\mathbf{m} / \mathbf{z}$ | Marker Ion (m/z) |
| :--- | ---: |
| Glucose | 319 |
| Pyruvate | 174 |
| Lactate | 191 |
| Citrate | 347 |
| $\alpha$ ketoglutarate | 198 |
| Succinate | 247 |
| Fumarate | 245 |
| Malate | 335 |
| $\gamma$ aminobutyric xacid | 174 |
| 2-hydroxyglutarate | 247 |
| Glycerol 3-phosphate | 357 |
| Glycerate 3-phosphate | 357 |

TABLE A.4. Minimum number of re-regulation target fluxes identified with metabolic modeling to achieve optimal glycerol utilization in S. cerevisiae. This table and the corresponding legend text have been reproduced from Strucko et al. (2018) with permission [178].

| UP | DOWN |
| :--- | :--- |
| Triosephosphate isomerase | Glucokinase GLK1 |
| Isocitrate dehydrogenase [NADP], cytoplasmic | Phosphofructokinase 2 |
| Isocitrate dehydrogenase [NADP], cytoplasmic | Fructose-biphosphate aldolase |
| Succinyl-CoA ligase [ADP-forming] subunit beta, mitochondrial | Isocitrate dehydrogenase NAD sbunit 1, mitochondrial |
| Fructose-1,6-biphosphatase | Alpha-ketoglutarate dehydrogenase |
| ATP synthase subunit alpha, mitochondrial | Glucose-6-phosphate 1-dehydrogenase |
| Glutamate decarboxylase | Probable 6-phosphogluconolactonase 1 |
| 4-aminobutyrate aminotransferase | 6-phosphogluconate dehydrogenase, decarboxylating 2 |
| Succinate-semialdehde dehydrogenase [NADP+] | Ribulose-phosphate 3-epimerase |
| Glycerol kinase | Ribose-5-phosphate isomerase |
| Tricarboxylate transport protein | Transketolase 2 |
| Glycerol uptale/efflux facilitator protein | Transketolase 2 |
| Uptake of glycerol | Transaldolase |
|  | Tricarboxylate transport protein |
|  | Low-affinity glucose transporter HXT4 |
|  | Uptake of alpha-D-glucose |

TABLE A.5. Growth rates of intermediate and final evolved lineages. Growth rates are estimated based on two biological replicates. Results of mode-I (manual ALE) experiment. This table and the corresponding legend text have been reproduced from Strucko et al. (2018) with permission [178].

| Growth rate, $\mu$ max (1/h) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Lineage 1 | Lineage 2 |
| T6 | $0,057+0,004$ | $0,074+0,004$ |
| T9 | $0,095+0,004$ | $0,111+0,004$ |
| T11 | $0,087+0,004$ | $0,11+0,004$ |
| T12 | $0,151+0,004$ | $0,120+0,004$ |
| T13 | $0,128+0,004$ | $0,113+0,004$ |
| T14 | $0,182+0,004$ | $0,130+0,004$ |
| T16 | $0,203+0,004$ | $0,122+0,004$ |

TABLE A.6. Growth rates of intermediate and final evolved lineages. Growth rates are estimated based on two biological replicates. Results of mode-II (automatic ALE) experiment. This table and the corresponding legend text have been reproduced from Strucko et al. (2018) with permission [178].

| Growth rate, $\mu$ max (1/h) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| wild-type based | ALE01 | ND |
|  | ALE02 | $0.220 \pm 0.004$ |
|  | ALE03 | $0.225 \pm 0.004$ |
| NOX based | ALE04 | ND |
|  | ALE05 | $0.215 \pm \mathrm{pm} 0.007$ |
|  | ALE06 | $0.206 \pm 0.015$ |

TABLE A.7. All mutations detected in evolved lineages. This table and the corresponding legend text have been reproduced from Strucko et al. (2018) with permission [178].


TABLE A.8. All mutations detected in tetrad analysis. This table and the corresponding legend text have been reproduced from Strucko et al. (2018) with permission [178].


TABLE A.9. Transcriptomics results from the comparison R-GKU vs. ALE2 of genes with multiple testing adjusted q-values of 0.1. The genes are sorted according to their significance. This table and the corresponding legend text have been reproduced from Strucko et al. (2018) with permission [178].

| CENPK_ID | GeneID | log2FC | CENPK_ID | GeneID | log2FC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CENPK1137D_2939 | Aga2p | 2,483 | CENPK1137D_2858 | hypothetical protein | -0,321 |
| CENPK1137D_2535 | Mfa2p | 2,231 | CENPK1137D_3491 | Ser3p | 0,480 |
| CENPK1137D_3357 | Ste2p | 1,668 | CENPK1137D_4319 | Glt1p | -0,244 |
| CENPK1137D_5045 | Bar1p | 1,534 | CENPK1137D_5435 | Msc7p | 0,204 |
| CENPK1137D_947 | Ste6p | 1,385 | CENPK1137D_4938 | Bdh2p | 0,481 |
| CENPK1137D_4287 | Mfa1p | 1,210 | CENPK1137D_648 | Pig1p | -0,406 |
| CENPK1137D_1464 | Asg7p | 1,161 | CENPK1137D_3361 | Snz3p | 0,423 |
| CENPK1137D_4943 | Rbg1p | 0,538 | CENPK1137D_3615 | Yef1p | -0,371 |
| CENPK1137D_2886 | Mf(alpha)2p | -1,156 | CENPK1137D_4116 | Dpl1p | -0,232 |
| CENPK1137D_1298 | Sag1p | -1,163 | CENPK1137D_4099 | Pmp3p | -0,210 |
| CENPK1137D_888 | hypothetical protein | -3,349 | CENPK1137D_3608 | hypothetical protein | -0,197 |
| CENPK1137D_1133 | Ste3p | -3,634 | CENPK1137D_3223 | Coq6p | -0,209 |
| CENPK1137D_1940 | Mf(alpha) 1 p | -5,794 | CENPK1137D_511 | hypothetical protein | -0,267 |
| CENPK1137D_5142 | Prm5p | -0,726 | CENPK1137D_1293 | Pre3p | -0,224 |
| CENPK1137D_1959 | Aad15p | 1,022 | CENPK1137D_4992 | Uip3p | 0,362 |
| CENPK1137D_4967 | Ntg 1 p | 0,539 | CENPK1137D_2389 | Ald4p | -0,229 |
| CENPK1137D_429 | Aqy 1 p | 0,910 | CENPK1137D_5119 | hypothetical protein | 0,399 |
| CENPK1137D_958 | Cbt1p | 0,508 | CENPK1137D_3016 | Scm4p | 0,377 |
| CENPK1137D_4213 | Ato3p | -0,517 | CENPK1137D_2139 | Gcy1p | 0,372 |
| CENPK1137D_649 | Mcm5p | -0,424 | CENPK1137D_1130 | Fre2p | 0,353 |
| CENPK1137D_5285 | Rim4p | -0,375 | CENPK1137D_124 | Coq5p | -0,225 |
| CENPK1137D_4936 | Erv46p | 0,419 | CENPK1137D_2402 | Fdh1p | -0,405 |
| CENPK1137D_1152 | Sry1p | 0,535 | CENPK1137D_2486 | Slz1p | 0,394 |
| CENPK1137D_86 | Fet3p | 0,735 | CENPK1137D_1161 | Rpt1p | -0,263 |
| CENPK1137D_1481 | Ino1p | -0,734 | CENPK1137D_4858 | Mal32p | 0,462 |
| CENPK1137D_4971 | Cne1p | 0,461 | CENPK1137D_3640 | Gtt3p | 0,255 |
| CENPK1137D_2934 | hypothetical protein | 0,762 | CENPK1137D_3341 | Fet5p | -0,165 |
| CENPK1137D_4611 | Tip1p | -0,342 | CENPK1137D_1769 | Spe3p | -0,345 |
| CENPK1137D_1062 | Ysr3p | 0,591 | CENPK1137D_650 | Mmp1p | 0,285 |
| CENPK1137D_2738 | Bio3p | 0,377 | CENPK1137D_3187 | Tos2p | 0,258 |
| CENPK1137D_823 | Sst2p | -0,590 | CENPK1137D_3059 | Dbf2p | -0,223 |
| CENPK1137D_582 | Hmx1p | 0,350 | CENPK1137D_501 | Av19p | -0,255 |
| CENPK1137D_2735 | Bio5p | 0,437 | CENPK1137D_4205 | Lsm6p | -0,270 |
| CENPK1137D_134 | Ypk2p | -0,324 | CENPK1137D_287 | Faa4p | -0,314 |
| CENPK1137D_3398 | Gsy1p | -0,387 | CENPK1137D_3344 | Ypt1p | -0,132 |
| CENPK1137D_4229 | Dit2p | 0,519 | CENPK1137D_3773 | Mch1p | -0,241 |
| CENPK1137D_4977 | Efb1p | 0,474 | CENPK1137D_2633 | hypothetical protein | 0,309 |
| CENPK1137D_4318 | Izh1p | 0,495 | CENPK1137D_4752 | Bem1p | -0,181 |
| CENPK1137D_4961 | Ccr4p | 0,344 | CENPK1137D_2823 | Cos12p | 0,447 |
| CENPK1137D_1043 | Dal80p | -0,700 | CENPK1137D_1445 | hypothetical protein | 0,330 |
| CENPK1137D_166 | hypothetical protein | 0,381 | CENPK1137D_4279 | Tsa2p | 0,438 |
| CENPK1137D_4949 | Bdh1p | 0,447 | CENPK1137D_738 | Cox19p | 0,342 |
| CENPK1137D_4980 | Nup60p | 0,336 | CENPK1137D_290 | Gim5p | 0,241 |
| CENPK1137D_2364 | Cin1p | 0,433 | CENPK1137D_5368 | Pho12p | 0,390 |
| CENPK1137D_5373 | Ecm34p | 0,493 | CENPK1137D_2070 | Bds1p | 0,415 |
| CENPK1137D_3142 | Atf2p | 0,479 | CENPK1137D_5439 | Sbp1p | -0,195 |
| CENPK1137D_4983 | Swd1p | 0,358 | CENPK1137D_3682 | Yat2p | -0,342 |
| CENPK1137D_4974 | Spo7p | 0,421 | CENPK1137D_5106 | Cos8p | 0,257 |
| CENPK1137D_3823 | Nhp10p | 0,358 | CENPK1137D_4534 | Hmlalpha2p | -0,394 |


| CENPK_ID | GeneID | log2FC | CENPK_ID | GeneID | log2FC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CENPK1137D_4637 | Nhp6bp | -0,516 | CENPK1137D_5105 | hypothetical protein | 0,292 |
| CENPK1137D_4945 | Mtw1p | 0,419 | CENPK1137D_1851 | Gph1p | -0,275 |
| CENPK1137D_5091 | Dal1p | 0,577 | CENPK1137D_538 | hypothetical protein | -0,199 |
| CENPK1137D_1480 | hypothetical protein | 0,491 | CENPK1137D_2145 | Rga1p | -0,234 |
| CENPK1137D_955 | Sfk1p | 0,372 | CENPK1137D_1820 | Ant1p | 0,182 |
| CENPK1137D_2248 | Mdh2p | -0,513 | CENPK1137D_380 | Tcb3p | -0,175 |
| CENPK1137D_2416 | Izh4p | 0,611 | CENPK1137D_1541 | Tgs1p | 0,244 |
| CENPK1137D_4990 | hypothetical protein | 0,643 | CENPK1137D_3623 | Mcm3p | -0,215 |
| CENPK1137D_4972 | Swc3p | 0,410 | CENPK1137D_3307 | Lys5p | 0,345 |
| CENPK1137D_3276 | Tpn1p | 0,266 | CENPK1137D_537 | Pcd1p | -0,270 |
| CENPK1137D_3371 | Hxt10p | -0,647 | CENPK1137D_3266 | Adh4p | 0,264 |
| CENPK1137D_5024 | Prm2p | 0,499 | CENPK1137D_5238 | Hxt4p | 0,279 |
| CENPK1137D_898 | Gfa1p | -0,302 | CENPK1137D_2835 | Hfm1p | 0,354 |
| CENPK1137D_920 | Hot13p | 0,561 | CENPK1137D_5411 | Arg4p | -0,224 |
| CENPK1137D_4986 | Bud14p | 0,262 | CENPK1137D_1591 | Thi21p | 0,332 |
| CENPK1137D_885 | Pau23p | 0,497 | CENPK1137D_4937 | Cdc24p | 0,227 |
| CENPK1137D_4948 | Prp45p | 0,323 | CENPK1137D_2448 | Emi5p | 0,221 |
| CENPK1137D_3402 | hypothetical protein | 0,381 | CENPK1137D_1201 | Lsb6p | 0,182 |
| CENPK1137D_4940 | Сус3p | 0,384 | CENPK1137D_3370 | hypothetical protein | -0,406 |
| CENPK1137D_4984 | Rfa1p | 0,307 | CENPK1137D_5154 | Mob1p | -0,266 |
| CENPK1137D_4942 | hypothetical protein | 0,545 | CENPK1137D_2798 | Atg2p | -0,285 |
| CENPK1137D_4956 | Mak16p | 0,461 | CENPK1137D_2408 | Shr5p | 0,387 |
| CENPK1137D_4657 | Alg 1 p | 0,295 | CENPK1137D_348 | Yme2p | -0,159 |
| CENPK1137D_5396 | Gpa1p | -0,312 | CENPK1137D_4626 | Spt7p | -0,204 |
| CENPK1137D_996 | Cce1p | 0,481 | CENPK1137D_4430 | Ahc2p | -0,251 |
| CENPK1137D_2090 | Nrt1p | 0,355 | CENPK1137D_2736 | Bio4p | 0,306 |
| CENPK1137D_1408 | hypothetical protein | 0,418 | CENPK1137D_4959 | Fun26p | 0,246 |
| CENPK1137D_4985 | Sen34p | 0,398 | CENPK1137D_151 | Asi1p | -0,276 |
| CENPK1137D_1641 | Grx5p | -0,265 | CENPK1137D_3852 | Pst2p | -0,221 |
| CENPK1137D_2397 | Fit3p | 0,596 | CENPK1137D_3872 | Cdc34p | -0,249 |
| CENPK1137D_986 | Ram2p | 0,240 | CENPK1137D_1669 | Sv13p | 0,322 |
| CENPK1137D_489 | Erg27p | 0,320 | CENPK1137D_3794 | Slm3p | 0,241 |
| CENPK1137D_1443 | Hms2p | 0,425 | CENPK1137D_2819 | Flp1p | 0,359 |
| CENPK1137D_4944 | Fun12p | 0,311 | CENPK1137D_3674 | Spc25p | 0,254 |
| CENPK1137D_5330 | Aim17p | 0,265 | CENPK1137D_4535 | Taf2p | -0,296 |
| CENPK1137D_2818 | Raf1p | 0,567 | CENPK1137D_4989 | Cdc15p | 0,270 |
| CENPK1137D_4932 | Aim1p | 0,444 | CENPK1137D_5157 | Dph1p | 0,214 |
| CENPK1137D_4935 | Pta1p | 0,369 | CENPK1137D_4960 | Ecm1p | 0,340 |
| CENPK1137D_3785 | Prp11p | -0,349 | CENPK1137D_1814 | Clb5p | 0,224 |
| CENPK1137D_91 | Arg7p | 0,288 | CENPK1137D_3267 | Dsd1p | 0,156 |
| CENPK1137D_1316 | Tes1p | 0,413 | CENPK1137D_2154 | Sia1p | -0,227 |
| CENPK1137D_4958 | Pmt2p | 0,385 | CENPK1137D_1643 | Sur1p | -0,231 |
| CENPK1137D_3618 | Utr4p | -0,393 | CENPK1137D_863 | Meu1p | -0,202 |
| CENPK1137D_515 | Zrt2p | 0,338 | CENPK1137D_233 | Vtilp | -0,168 |
| CENPK1137D_4939 | Cln3p | 0,338 | CENPK1137D_4039 | Adr1p | -0,307 |
| CENPK1137D_4954 | Saw1p | 0,394 | CENPK1137D_3356 | Gyp8p | 0,253 |
| CENPK1137D_4969 | Dep1p | 0,316 | CENPK1137D_4594 | Reb1p | -0,211 |
| CENPK1137D_1379 | Emc2p | -0,276 | CENPK1137D_4199 | Frq1p | -0,233 |
| CENPK1137D_85 | Aac1p | 0,372 | CENPK1137D_4973 | Mdm10p | 0,327 |
| CENPK1137D_3558 | Ftr1p | 0,396 | CENPK1137D_488 | hypothetical protein | 0,275 |


| CENPK_ID | GeneID | $\log 2 \mathrm{FC}$ | CENPK_ID | GeneID | $\log 2 \mathrm{FC}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CENPK1137D_1946 | Cti6p | 0,243 | CENPK1137D_1267 | Tad2p | 0,285 |
| CENPK1137D_4299 | Trs31p | 0,295 | CENPK1137D_3789 | Prm7p | 0,392 |
| CENPK1137D_1157 | Mcr1p | 0,307 | CENPK1137D_2230 | Sas5p | 0,206 |
| CENPK1137D_4950 | Gip4p | 0,336 | CENPK1137D_848 | Jlp1p | 0,381 |
| CENPK1137D_3350 | Snz2p | 0,463 | CENPK1137D_3985 | Sec1p | 0,184 |
| CENPK1137D_3339 | Sno3p | 0,310 | CENPK1137D_2710 | Hub1p | -0,325 |
| CENPK1137D_4947 | Pop5p | 0,423 | CENPK1137D_4976 | Erp2p | 0,358 |
| CENPK1137D_3375 | Smc1p | -0,224 | CENPK1137D_1503 | Ura2p | -0,247 |
| CENPK1137D_5137 | Qdr2p | 0,452 | CENPK1137D_837 | hypothetical protein | 0,225 |
| CENPK1137D_5444 | Aap1p | -0,277 | CENPK1137D_3477 | Arg5,6p | 0,191 |
| CENPK1137D_4422 | Kar4p | -0,269 | CENPK1137D_4757 | Cos111p | -0,244 |
| CENPK1137D_4981 | Erp1p | 0,354 | CENPK1137D_5210 | Htd2p | 0,200 |
| CENPK1137D_5441 | Dog1p | 0,440 | CENPK1137D_3029 | Cox18p | 0,320 |
| CENPK1137D_3656 | Mnn1p | 0,382 | CENPK1137D_1476 | Far1p | -0,341 |
| CENPK1137D_2449 | Nba1p | -0,259 | CENPK1137D_5199 | Cpr2p | -0,202 |
| CENPK1137D_5350 | Aim18p | 0,234 | CENPK1137D_306 | hypothetical protein | 0,242 |
| CENPK1137D_4963 | Fun30p | 0,345 | CENPK1137D_2663 | Spo1p | 0,327 |
| CENPK1137D_1676 | Rmi1p | 0,280 | CENPK1137D_3854 | Mrh1p | 0,224 |
| CENPK1137D_2805 | hypothetical protein | 0,468 | CENPK1137D_931 | Stb6p | 0,298 |
| CENPK1137D_1226 | Smc3p | -0,216 | CENPK1137D_1754 | Smk1p | 0,318 |
| CENPK1137D_4627 | Ubc4p | -0,229 | CENPK1137D_2545 | hypothetical protein | 0,385 |
| CENPK1137D_889 | hypothetical protein | -0,425 | CENPK1137D_2032 | Tir2p | 0,344 |
| CENPK1137D_4962 | Ats1p | 0,413 | CENPK1137D_4933 | hypothetical protein | 0,332 |
| CENPK1137D_4987 | Ade1p | 0,408 | CENPK1137D_1703 | Pdh1p | -0,349 |
| CENPK1137D_1371 | Bna2p | -0,318 | CENPK1137D_3841 | Gcv1p | -0,296 |
| CENPK1137D_3907 | Afr1p | -0,382 | CENPK1137D_2349 | Vma4p | -0,162 |
| CENPK1137D_3641 | Npp2p | 0,255 | CENPK1137D_2067 | Std1p | 0,347 |
| CENPK1137D_2468 | Rap1p | -0,221 | CENPK1137D_4616 | hypothetical protein | -0,201 |
| CENPK1137D_4449 | hypothetical protein | 0,254 | CENPK1137D_4979 | Tfc3p | 0,283 |
| CENPK1137D_4568 | Chs3p | -0,280 | CENPK1137D_1022 | Pry2p | 0,254 |
| CENPK1137D_4584 | Fig1p | -0,482 | CENPK1137D_5134 | Ayr1p | -0,347 |
| CENPK1137D_1673 | Erg10p | -0,172 | CENPK1137D_5049 | Tir3p | 0,365 |
| CENPK1137D_5130 | Nit1p | 0,332 | CENPK1137D_3204 | Kel2p | 0,204 |
| CENPK1137D_4712 | Cdc28p | 0,215 | CENPK1137D_1351 | Cdc6p | -0,258 |
| CENPK1137D_4614 | Tat1p | 0,357 | CENPK1137D_683 | Cdc25p | -0,262 |
| CENPK1137D_1350 | Aps2p | 0,344 | CENPK1137D_4868 | hypothetical protein | 0,203 |
| CENPK1137D_4994 | hypothetical protein | 0,449 |  |  |  |

TABLE A.10. Transcriptomics results from the comparison R-GK vs. R-GKU of genes with multiple testing adjusted $q$-values $<0.1$. The genes are sorted according to their significance. This table and the corresponding legend text have been reproduced from Strucko et al. (2018) with permission [178].

| CENPK_ID | GeneID | log2FC |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| CENPK1137D_2748 | Cos10p | $-0,650$ |
| CENPK1137D_3608 | hypothetical protein | $-0,246$ |
| CENPK1137D_2735 | Bio5p | 0,281 |
| CENPK1137D_2439 | Zps1p | $-0,347$ |
| CENPK1137D_3620 | Anp1p | $-0,157$ |

Table A.11. Transcriptomics results from the comparison R-GU vs. R-GKU of genes with multiple testing adjusted $q$-values of 0.1 . The genes are sorted according to their significance. This table and the corresponding legend text have been reproduced from Strucko et al. (2018) with permission [178].

| CENPK_ID | GeneID | log2FC | CENPK_ID | GeneID | $\log 2 \mathrm{FC}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CENPK1137D_1498 | hypothetical protein | 1,959 | CENPK1137D_4111 | Nse3 | 0,343 |
| CENPK1137D_1480 | hypothetical protein | 1,337 | CENPK1137D_2614 | Aqr1 | 0,470 |
| CENPK1137D_3610 | Dld3 | 1,244 | CENPK1137D_1676 | Rmi1 | 0,289 |
| CENPK1137D_1444 | Bat2 | 0,856 | CENPK1137D_425 | Yox1 | -0,246 |
| CENPK1137D_3315 | Ddi3 | 0,695 | CENPK1137D_4944 | Fun12 | -0,282 |
| CENPK1137D_476 | Alt1 | 0,705 | CENPK1137D_4696 | Ysw1 | 0,409 |
| CENPK1137D_5330 | Aim17 | 0,509 | CENPK1137D_3481 | Ald5 | -0,274 |
| CENPK1137D_2238 | Mct1 | 0,488 | CENPK1137D_2895 | Fmp37 | 0,303 |
| CENPK1137D_1702 | Cit3 | 0,905 | CENPK1137D_4611 | Tip1 | 0,219 |
| CENPK1137D_2748 | Cos10 | -0,953 | CENPK1137D_2402 | Fdh1 | -0,417 |
| CENPK1137D_718 | Dic1 | 0,668 | CENPK1137D_5024 | Prm2 | 0,380 |
| CENPK1137D_5370 | Dur3 | 0,498 | CENPK1137D_5069 | Ist3 | 0,426 |
| CENPK1137D_1739 | hypothetical protein | 0,616 | CENPK1137D_1591 | Thi21 | 0,378 |
| CENPK1137D_4319 | Glt1 | 0,460 | CENPK1137D_609 | Bna5 | 0,259 |
| CENPK1137D_1525 | Dip5 | 0,818 | CENPK1137D_679 | Cda1 | 0,441 |
| CENPK1137D_2537 | Mep2 | 0,792 | CENPK1137D_1899 | hypothetical protein | 0,256 |
| CENPK1137D_1962 | Arg1 | 0,566 | CENPK1137D_4620 | Ecm8 | 0,447 |
| CENPK1137D_4500 | Cit2 | 0,713 | CENPK1137D_2677 | Ato2 | 0,446 |
| CENPK1137D_1524 | Sam3 | -0,525 | CENPK1137D_1667 | Srl4 | 0,394 |
| CENPK1137D_2886 | Mf(alpha)2 | 0,605 | CENPK1137D_2740 | Fre4 | 0,374 |
| CENPK1137D_3267 | Dsd1 | 0,303 | CENPK1137D_4088 | Din7 | 0,305 |
| CENPK1137D_5142 | Prm5 | 0,499 | CENPK1137D_4368 | hypothetical protein | -0,311 |
| CENPK1137D_1707 | Icl2 | 0,541 | CENPK1137D_4708 | Ics2 | 0,398 |
| CENPK1137D_2735 | Bio5 | 0,422 | CENPK1137D_3601 | Pug1 | 0,409 |
| CENPK1137D_5373 | Ecm34 | 0,511 | CENPK1137D_2397 | Fit3 | 0,439 |
| CENPK1137D_3854 | Mrh1 | -0,419 | CENPK1137D_4609 | Nrg2 | 0,360 |
| CENPK1137D_1049 | Gap1 | 0,439 | CENPK1137D_5106 | Cos8 | 0,277 |
| CENPK1137D_3682 | Yat2 | 0,537 | CENPK1137D_920 | Hot13 | 0,403 |
| CENPK1137D_712 | Gas2 | 0,648 | CENPK1137D_5433 | Put2 | 0,141 |
| CENPK1137D_1163 | Jen1 | 0,456 | CENPK1137D_1640 | Mfm1 | 0,318 |
| CENPK1137D_4614 | Tat1 | 0,486 | CENPK1137D_2253 | Hes1 | 0,324 |
| CENPK1137D_1600 | Aim43 | 0,388 | CENPK1137D_3615 | Yef1 | -0,343 |
| CENPK1137D_963 | Phd1 | 0,329 | CENPK1137D_1062 | Ysr3 | 0,334 |
| CENPK1137D_1703 | Pdh1 | 0,563 | CENPK1137D_1438 | hypothetical protein | 0,344 |
| CENPK1137D_5382 | hypothetical protein | -0,376 | CENPK1137D_479 | Sul2 | -0,291 |
| CENPK1137D_1820 | Ant1 | 0,270 | CENPK1137D_1737 | Gln1 | 0,328 |
| CENPK1137D_2316 | Mum3 | 0,558 | CENPK1137D_4422 | Kar4 | 0,227 |
| CENPK1137D_4336 | Gnp1 | 0,495 | CENPK1137D_5133 | Kgd1 | -0,280 |
| CENPK1137D_28 | Ypt7 | 0,348 | CENPK1137D_4478 | hypothetical protein | 0,407 |
| CENPK1137D_2531 | Pga2 | 0,327 | CENPK1137D_3256 | Sip2 | -0,198 |
| CENPK1137D_183 | Imp1 | 0,314 | CENPK1137D_2943 | Scw11 | -0,325 |
| CENPK1137D_4229 | Dit2 | 0,410 | CENPK1137D_2148 | Pfk27 | 0,354 |
| CENPK1137D_612 | Thi7 | 0,356 | CENPK1137D_5208 | Gos1 | -0,191 |
| CENPK1137D_5138 | Qdr1 | 0,420 | CENPK1137D_4472 | Fus1 | 0,360 |
| CENPK1137D_1790 | Rds3 | 0,406 | CENPK1137D_1434 | Met5 | -0,301 |
| CENPK1137D_4650 | Vid24 | 0,511 | CENPK1137D_412 | Cat2 | 0,326 |
| CENPK1137D_3209 | Fmp43 | 0,339 | CENPK1137D_771 | Dus3 | -0,289 |
| CENPK1137D_5177 | Cab2 | 0,250 | CENPK1137D_889 | hypothetical protein | 0,341 |

Table A．12．Proteomics results of ALE2，R－GKU，R－GU and R－GK of proteins with multiple testing adjusted P －values $<0.1$ ．The genes are sorted according to their significance．This table and the corresponding legend text have been reproduced from Strucko et al．（2018）with permission［178］．

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Table A.13: GO term analysis of significant genes ( $q$-value $<0.1$ ) of the comparison ALE2 vs R-GKU. This table and the corresponding legend text have been reproduced from Strucko et al. (2018) with permission [178].




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TABLE A.14. Intracellular metabolites. This table and the corresponding legend text have been reproduced from Strucko et al. (2018) with permission [178].


TABLE A.15. Implemented uptake constraints calculated from experimentally measured consumption rates of human cell lines (Jain 2012). The MetaboliteID indicates the metabolite in the model for which the uptake reaction flux was constrained. An uptake and transport reaction were added to the model in case they did not already exist. Note that the convention for exchange reaction in SBML formatted metabolic models is that uptake constraints have positive values and output constraints have negative values. If no uptake was experimentally observed for a metabolite (no change in medium concentration or an increase in medium concentration) the corresponding uptake flux was constrained to zero in case a transport reaction for that metabolite already existed in the model. *Metabolites that cannot be uniquely identified in the model (none or more than one metabolite matches in the model) ${ }^{* *}$ Metabolites for which no literature evidence exists that they can be uptaken by human cells

| Metabolite | MetaboliteID | Measured consumptio Lowest (all cell lines) | n rate [f $\mathrm{mol} /$ cell/hour] Highest (all cell lines) | Fluxes [mmol/gDW/h] | Upper constraint |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| glucose | m01965 | -38,901 | -861,928 | 8,619280 | 8,619280 |
| glutamine | m01975 | -13,872 | -304,272 | 3,042720 | 3,042720 |
| arginine | m01365 | 2,893 | -35,143 | 0,351430 | 0,351430 |
| serine | m02896 | -2,048 | -33,941 | 0,339410 | 0,339410 |
| leucine | m02360 | -1,977 | -26,115 | 0,261150 | 0,261150 |
| isoleucine | m02184 | -1,063 | -21,599 | 0,215990 | 0,215990 |
| lysine | m02426 | -2,543 | -19,234 | 0,192340 | 0,192340 |
| asparagine | m01369 | 2,839 | -18,501 | 0,185010 | 0,185010 |
| valine | m03135 | -1,779 | -15,760 | 0,157600 | 0,157600 |
| guanidinoacetate | m02036 | -1,419 | -12,259 | 0,122590 | 0,122590 |
| threonine | m02993 | -1,379 | -12,238 | 0,122380 | 0,122380 |
| tyrosine | m03101 | -1,052 | -10,701 | 0,107010 | 0,107010 |
| aspartate | m01370 | 8,221 | -8,645 | 0,086450 | 0,086450 |
| phenylalanine | m02724 | -0,834 | -7,305 | 0,073050 | 0,073050 |
| methionine | m02471 | -0,700 | -7,015 | 0,070150 | 0,070150 |
| glyceraldehyde | m01981 | 0,361 | -6,523 | 0,065230 | 0,065230 |
| homoserine | m02136 | -0,408 | -5,770 | 0,057700 | 0,057700 |
| glycine | m01986 | 11,704 | -5,650 | 0,056500 | 0,056500 |
| cis-hydroxyproline/trans-hydroxyproline | m03037 | 0,945 | -4,368 | 0,043680 | 0,043680 |
| glutamate | m01974 | 96,547 | -3,823 | 0,038230 | 0,038230 |
| alpha-glycerophosphocholine* | - | 83,958 | -3,534 | 0,035340 | , |
| tryptophan | m03089 | -0,027 | -3,491 | 0,034910 | 0,034910 |
| ornithine | m02658 | 9,966 | -3,290 | 0,032900 | 0,032900 |
| alanine | m01307 | 65,407 | -2,750 | 0,027500 | 0,027500 |
| choline | m01513 | 0,261 | -2,298 | 0,022980 | 0,022980 |
| creatine | m01619 | 0,312 | -1,594 | 0,015940 | 0,015940 |
| proline | m02770 | 5,782 | -1,194 | 0,011940 | 0,011940 |
| niacinamide | m02583 | 0,028 | -0,919 | 0,009190 | 0,009190 |
| taurine | m02961 | 0,029 | -0,612 | 0,006120 | 0,006120 |
| bilirubin | m01396 | 0,639 | -0,455 | 0,004550 | 0,004550 |
| citrulline | m01588 | 0,062 | -0,373 | 0,003730 | 0,003730 |
| glycerol_1 | m01983 | 4,174 | -0,356 | 0,003560 | 0,003560 |
| thiamine | m02982 | 0,249 | -0,331 | 0,003310 | 0,003310 |
| hypoxanthine | m02159 | 0,040 | -0,227 | 0,002270 | 0,002270 |
| oxalate | m02661 | 0,108 | -0,175 | 0,001750 | 0,001750 |
| urate | m03120 | 0,106 | -0,153 | 0,001530 | 0,001530 |
| succinate | m02943 | 0,639 | -0,141 | 0,001410 | 0,001410 |
| citrate | m01587 | 6,372 | -0,133 | 0,001330 | 0,001330 |
| betaine | m01393 | 0,204 | -0,133 | 0,001330 | 0,001330 |
| uracil | m03118 | 0,482 | -0,123 | 0,001230 | 0,001230 |
| uridine | m03123 | 0,296 | -0,079 | 0,000790 | 0,000790 |
| carnitine | m02348 | 0,012 | -0,078 | 0,000780 | 0,000780 |
| serotonin | m02897 | 0,140 | -0,075 | 0,000750 | 0,000750 |
| acetoacetate | m01253 | 4,026 | -0,073 | 0,000730 | 0,000730 |
| carnosine | m01423 | 0,038 | -0,066 | 0,000660 | 0,000660 |
| cytidine | m01630 | 0,047 | -0,042 | 0,000420 | 0,000420 |
| dimethylglycine | m01708 | 0,029 | -0,041 | 0,000410 | 0,000410 |
| pantothenate | m02680 | 0,003 | -0,038 | 0,000380 | 0,000380 |
| aminoisobutyrate* | - | 0,005 | -0,034 | 0,000340 | , |
| kynurenine | m02319 | 1,143 | -0,030 | 0,000300 | 0,000300 |
| 2'-deoxycytidine | m01668 | 1,563 | -0,029 | 0,000290 | 0,000290 |
| 2 '-deoxyuridine | m01673 | 0,044 | -0,024 | 0,000240 | 0,000240 |
| folate | m01830 | 0,099 | -0,023 | 0,000230 | 0,000230 |
| thymidine | m02996 | 0,072 | -0,020 | 0,000200 | 0,000200 |
| spermidine | m02923 | 0,035 | -0,018 | 0,000180 | 0,000180 |
| isocitrate | m02183 | 0,070 | -0,017 | 0,000170 | 0,000170 |
| 2-aminoadipate | m02322 | 0,077 $\mathbf{1 5 5}$ | -0,017 | 0,000170 | 0,000170 |
| kynurenate | m00990 | 0,028 155 | -0,016 | 0,000160 | 0,000160 |
| propionate | m02772 | 0,033 | -0,016 | 0,000160 | 0,000160 |


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| Metabolite | MetabolitelD | Measured consumption rate [f mol/cell/hour] <br> Lowest (all cell lines) $)$ | Highest (all cell lines) | [mmol/gDW/h] | Upper constraint

TABLE A.16. Model constraints for uptake reactions fluxes, which were implemented in addition to the constraints added from (Jain et al. 2012). The MetaboliteID indicates the metabolite in the model for which the uptake reaction flux was constrained. The column "Constraints" shows the lower and the upper bounds in brackets. The reactions were either added because of the minimal media analysis or because of manual curation.

| Metabolite | MetaboliteID | Constraints | Added by |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| alpha-tocopherol | m01327 | [0, 0.01] | Minimal media analysis |
| [B12] aquacob(III)alamin | m01361 | [0, 0.01] | Minimal media analysis |
| biotin | m01401 | [0, 0.01] | Minimal media analysis |
| Ca2+ | m01413 | [0, 1000] | Minimal media analysis |
| chloride | m01442 | [0, 1000] | Minimal media analysis |
| CO 2 | m01596 | [0, 0.01] | Minimal media analysis |
| Fe2+ | m01821 | [0, 1000] | Minimal media analysis |
| Fe3+ | m01822 | [0, 1000] | Minimal media analysis |
| folate | m01830 | [0, 0.01] | Minimal media analysis |
| gamma-tocopherol | m01935 | [0, 0.01] | Minimal media analysis |
| H+ | m02039 | [0, 1000] | Minimal media analysis |
| H2O | m02040 | [0, 1000] | Minimal media analysis |
| HCO3- | m02046 | [0, 1000] | Minimal media analysis |
| histidine | m02125 | [0, 1.7] | Minimal media analysis |
| K+ | m02200 | [0, 1000] | Minimal media analysis |
| lipoic acid | m02394 | [0, 0.01] | Minimal media analysis |
| lithocholate | m02402 | [0, 0.0001] | Minimal media analysis |
| malonate | m02440 | [0, 0.001] | Minimal media analysis |
| O2 | m02630 | $[0,2]$ | Minimal media analysis |
| Pi | m02751 | [0, 2] | Minimal media analysis |
| retinol | m02834 | [0, 0.01] | Minimal media analysis |
| riboflavin | m02842 | [0, 0.01] | Minimal media analysis |
| sulfate | m02946 | [0, 1000] | Minimal media analysis |
| arginine | m01365 | [0, 0.01] | Manual curation |
| lysine | m02426 | [0, 0.0565] | Manual curation |
| pantothenate | m02680 | [0, 0.01] | Manual curation |
| phenylalanine | m02724 | [0, 0.01] | Manual curation |

TABLE A.17. Implemeted improvements from the previous models Recon 2.2 and Recon 2M.1. "Stoich" includes changes in the reaction directionality as well.





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Table A.18: Implemented constraints for reaction fluxes with infeasible reaction directionalities.

| Reaction | Introduced Constraint | Reaction | Introduced Constraint |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HMR_0156 | [0, 1000] | HMR_2956 | [0, 1000] |
| HMR_0165 | [0, 1000] | HMR_2957 | [0, 1000] |
| HMR_0168 | [0, 1000] | HMR_2959 | [0, 1000] |
| HMR_0171 | [0, 1000] | HMR_2961 | [0, 1000] |
| HMR_0174 | [0, 1000] | HMR_2962 | [0, 1000] |
| HMR_0177 | [0, 1000] | HMR_2963 | [0, 1000] |
| HMR_0180 | [0, 1000] | HMR_2964 | [0, 1000] |
| HMR_0184 | [0, 1000] | HMR_2965 | [0, 1000] |
| HMR_0188 | [0, 1000] | HMR_2966 | [0, 1000] |
| HMR_0192 | [0, 1000] | HMR_2967 | [0, 1000] |
| HMR_0196 | [0, 1000] | HMR_2968 | [0, 1000] |
| HMR_0200 | [0, 1000] | HMR_2969 | [0, 1000] |
| HMR_0204 | [0, 1000] | HMR_2970 | [0, 1000] |
| HMR_0209 | [0, 1000] | HMR_2971 | [0, 1000] |
| HMR_0213 | [0, 1000] | HMR_2972 | [0, 1000] |
| HMR_0217 | [0, 1000] | HMR_2973 | [0, 1000] |
| HMR_0226 | [0, 1000] | HMR_2974 | [0, 1000] |
| HMR_0233 | [0, 1000] | HMR_2975 | [0, 1000] |
| HMR_0237 | [0, 1000] | HMR_2976 | [0, 1000] |
| HMR_0241 | [0, 1000] | HMR_2977 | [0, 1000] |
| HMR_0245 | [0, 1000] | HMR_2978 | [0, 1000] |
| HMR_0249 | [0, 1000] | HMR_2979 | [0, 1000] |
| HMR_0255 | [0, 1000] | HMR_2980 | [0, 1000] |
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| HMR_0323 | [0, 1000] | HMR_2999 | [0, 1000] |


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TABLE A.19. Flux irrelevant reactions, which carry biological instead of metabolic function and were therefore removed from the model. $\mathrm{PM}=$ protein modification, P $=$ protein assembly, degradation or transport, $\mathrm{BGB}=$ blood group biosynthesis.

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| HMR_8027 | PMM | HMR_7498 | PMM | HMR_7419 | PMM | HMR_8294 | PMM |
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| HMR_8406 | PMM | HMR_7388 | PMM | HMR_9704 | PMM | HMR_9027 | P |
| HMR_8407 | PMM | HMR_7389 | PMM | HMR_9705 | PMM | HMR_9029 | P |
| HMR_7200 | PMM | HMR_7390 | PMM | HMR_9706 | PMM | HMR_9031 | P |
| HMR_7202 | PMM | HMR_7391 | PMM | HMR_9709 | PMM | HMR_9049 | P |
| HMR_7203 | PMM | HMR_7392 | PMM | HMR_9710 | PMM | HMR_9051 | P |
| HMR_7205 | PMM | HMR_7393 | PMM | HMR_9711 | PMM | HMR_9053 | P |
| HMR_7206 | PMM | HMR_7394 | PMM | HMR_9712 | PMM | HMR_9055 | P |
| HMR_7207 | PMM | HMR_7395 | PMM | HMR_9714 | PMM | HMR_9130 | P |
| HMR_7208 | PMM | HMR_7396 | PMM | HMR_9721 | PMM | HMR_9730 | P |
| HMR_7209 | PMM | HMR_7397 | PMM | HMR_8262 | PMM | HMR_5151 | P |
| HMR_7210 | PMM | HMR_7398 | PMM | HMR_8263 | PMM | HMR_5152 | P |
| HMR_7211 | PMM | HMR_7399 | PMM | HMR_8264 | PMM | HMR_5153 | P |
| HMR_7212 | PMM | HMR_7400 | PMM | HMR_8267 | PMM | HMR_5154 | P |
| HMR_7213 | PMM | HMR_7401 | PMM | HMR_8268 | PMM | HMR_5155 | P |
| HMR_7214 | PMM | HMR_7402 | PMM | HMR_8271 | PMM | HMR_5156 | P |
| HMR_7215 | PMM | HMR_7403 | PMM | HMR_8274 | PMM | HMR_5157 | P |
| HMR_7216 | PMM | HMR_7404 | PMM | HMR_8275 | PMM | HMR_5158 | P |
| HMR_7217 | PMM | HMR_7405 | PMM | HMR_8276 | PMM | HMR_5159 | P |
| HMR_7218 | PMM | HMR_7406 | PMM | HMR_8277 | PMM | HMR_5160 | P |
| HMR_7219 | PMM | HMR_7407 | PMM | HMR_8278 | PMM | HMR_5161 | P |
| HMR_7220 | PMM | HMR_7408 | PMM | HMR_8279 | PMM | HMR_5162 | P |
| HMR_7221 | PMM | HMR_7409 | PMM | HMR_8280 | PMM | HMR_5163 | P |
| HMR_7222 | PMM | HMR_7410 | PMM | HMR_8281 | PMM | HMR_5164 | P |

TABLE A.20. Implemented revisions in connection with the beta-oxidation pathway. "reaction stoich changed" includes changes in the reaction directionality as well.


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ATP[c] + propanoate $[\mathrm{cc}]=>$ PPi[c] $]$ propinol adenylate $[c]$
ATP $[\mathrm{m}]+$ propanoate $[\mathrm{m}]=>$ PPi[m] + propinol adenylate $[\mathrm{m}$ palmitolate[s] <>> palmitolate[c]



 2-trans-4-cis-decadienoyl-CoA[m] + NADP $+[\mathrm{m}]=>$ trans-3-decenoyl-CoAA $[\mathrm{m}]+\mathrm{H}+[\mathrm{m}]+\mathrm{NADPH}[\mathrm{m}]$
cis,cis-36-6-dodecadienoyl-CoA[p] $\gg$ trans,cis-lauro-2, 6-dienoyl-CoA[p]
4 -cis-decenoyl-CoA $[\mathrm{p}]+\mathrm{O} 2[\mathrm{p}]=>2$-trans-4-cis-decadienoyl-CoA $[\mathrm{p}]+\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{O} 2[\mathrm{p}]+2 \mathrm{H}+[\mathrm{p}]$ (2E)-dodecenoyl-CoA $[\mathrm{m}] \ll>$ (3E) $)$ dodecenoyl-CoA[m]
(2E)-dodecenoyl-CoA $[\mathrm{p}]<>$ (3E)-dodecenoyl-CoA $[\mathrm{p}]$






 $8(\mathrm{R})$-hydroxy-hexadeca-( $4 \mathrm{E}, 6 \mathrm{E}, 10 \mathrm{Z}$ )-trienoyl-CoA $[\mathrm{m}]+\mathrm{FAD}[\mathrm{m}]=>8(\mathrm{R})$-hydroxy-hexadeca-( $2 \mathrm{E}, 4 \mathrm{E}, 6 \mathrm{E}, 10 \mathrm{Z})$-tetraenoyl-CoA $[\mathrm{m}]+\mathrm{FADH} 2[\mathrm{~m}]$
$8(\mathrm{R})$-hydroxy-hexadeca-(2E,4E, $6 \mathrm{E}, 10 \mathrm{Z})$-tetraenoyl-CoA $[\mathrm{m}]+\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{m}]=3(\mathrm{~S}), 8(\mathrm{R})$-dihydroxy-hexadeca-( $4 \mathrm{E}, 6 \mathrm{E}, 10 \mathrm{Z})$-trienoyl-CoA $[\mathrm{m}]$




Table A.21: Atomically unbalanced reaction, which was changed in the revised model.
Rection ID Original reaction
Revised reaction
HMR_0013 HDL[s] => 160 cholesterol-ester pool[s] + 20 cholesterol[s] + HDL remnant[s] HDL[s] => HDL remnant[s]

TABLE A.22. Blocked or isolated reactions, which remain after the removal of reactions with biological functions. All listed reactions were excluded from the model.

| ReactionID |  | ReactionID |  | ReactionID | Ty | nID |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Blo |  | Blocked | HMR_1835 | Block | H | Blocked |
| HMR_4831 | Bloc | HMR | Blo | MR | Blocked | HMR_9540 |  |
| HMR_4832 | Block | HM | Block | HMR_1837 | Block | HMR_9544 |  |
| MR_8 | Blocke | HMR_538 | Block | HMR_184 | Block | HMR_954 |  |
| R_4310 | lock | HMR_5418 | lock | HMR_184 | Block | HMR_955 | locke |
| _431 | Blocked | HMR_541 | Blocked | HMR_184 | Blocked | HMR |  |
| HMR_4318 | Blocked | HMR | Blocke | MP | Blocke | HMR |  |
| HMR_4320 | Blocked | HMR_8641 | Block | HMR_1844 | Block | HMR_9807 |  |
| HMR_4356 | oc | H | Block | MR | Block | HMR_955 |  |
| _4401 | Bloc | HMR_868 | loc | HMR_1848 | Bloc | HMR_95 |  |
| _4402 | Blocked | HMR_468 | Blocked | HMR_1403 | lock | HMR_9556 | Bloc |
| _4403 | Block | HMR_713 | lock | HMR_140 | Block | HMR_955 | Blocke |
| R_459 | loc | HMR_713 | Block | HMR_1 | oc | HMR_955 |  |
| R_3855 | Blocked | MR_71 | Block | R_ | Block | HMR_9559 |  |
| _8500 | Blocked | _71 | Block | HMR_1407 | Block | HMR_9560 |  |
| _8507 | oc | HM | Blocked | HM | Bloc | HM |  |
| 850 | oc | HMR_7138 | Blocked | HMR_140 | Block | HMR_9562 | loc |
| _8509 | Block | HMR_713 | loc | HMR_141 | Block | HMR_9563 |  |
| __3212 | Blocke | HMR_762 | Block | HMR_14 | Block | HMR_9564 |  |
| HMR_0718 | Blocked | HMR_8640 | Block | HMR_1412 | Block | 956 |  |
| -07 | oc | HMR_868 | Block | HMR_1413 | Block | HMR_9566 |  |
| 709 | Block | HMR_8690 | Block | HMR_141 | Block | HMR_956 |  |
| _4 | Block | HMR_4124 | Block | HMR_141 | Block | HMR_9568 |  |
| HMR_9799 | Blocked | HMR_7696 | oc | HMR_141 | Bloc | HMR_9570 | loc |
| 800 | Blocked | HMR | Block | HMR_141 | Block | HMR_9571 |  |
| HMR_4086 | Blocked | HMR_7698 | Block | M | Block | HMR 9572 |  |
| 135 | loc | HMR_8672 | Block | HMR_1419 | Block | MR |  |
| _4451 | Block | HMR_8674 | lock | HMR_142 | Block | HMR_957 |  |
| _66 | Bloc | HMR_867 | loc | HMR_142 | Bloc | HMR_9575 |  |
| _660 | Blocked | HMR_513 | Blocked | HMR_142 | Blocked | HMR_9580 | Block |
| R_6603 | Blocke | HMR_513 | Block | HMR_142 | Block | HMR_9585 | 保 |
| _6609 | Blocke | HMR_513 | Block | HMR_14 | Block | HMR_9588 |  |
| _6610 | loc | HMR_513 | Block | HMR_1 | Block | HMR_9 |  |
| R_661 | Block | HMR_513 | lock | HMR_142 | ock | HMR_980 |  |
| MR_421 | Bloc | HMR_5135 | Block | HMR_1427 | Blocke | HMR_5238 | Bloc |
| IR_6613 | Bl | HMR_5136 | Blocked | HMR_1428 | Blocked | HMR_5239 | Block |
| HMR_7744 | Blocked | HMR_5137 | Blocked | HMR_1429 | Blocked | HMR_5243 |  |
| _7894 | Blocke | HMR_5138 | Blocked | HMR_1430 | Blo | HMR_5244 |  |
| MR_7895 | Blocke | HMR_5139 | Blocked | HMR_1431 | Block | HMR_525 |  |


| ReactionID | Type |
| :--- | ---: |
| HMR_8445 | Blocked |
| HMR_8484 | Blocked |
| HMR_8493 | Blocked |
| HMR_8494 | Blocked |
| HMR_8495 | Blocked |
| HMR_6968 | Blocked |
| HMR_6969 | Blocked |
| HMR_6990 | Blocked |
| HMR_6971 | Blocked |
| HMR_6972 | Blocked |
| HMR_3819 | Blocked |
| HMR_4605 | Blocked |
| HMR_6929 | Blocked |
| HMR_6930 | Blocked |
| HMR_6931 | Blocked |
| HMR_6933 | Blocked |
| HMR_6934 | Blocked |
| HMR_6936 | Blocked |
| HMR_6938 | Blocked |
| HMR_6939 | Blocked |
| HMR_6940 | Blocked |
| HMR_6941 | Blocked |
| HMR_6942 | Blocked |
| HMR_6943 | Blocked |
| HMR_6444 | Blocked |
| HMR_6945 | Blocked |
| HMR_6946 | Blocked |
| HMR_6947 | Blocked |
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| HMR_6955 | Blocked |
| HMR_6956 | Blocked |
| HMR_6957 | Blocked |
| HMR_6958 | Blocked |
| HMR_6959 | Blocked |
| HMR_6960 | Blocked |


| ReactionID | Type |
| :--- | :---: |
| HMR_5140 | Blocked |
| HMR_5141 | Blocked |
| HMR_5142 | Blocked |
| HMR_5143 | Blocked |
| HMR_5144 | Blocked |
| HMR_5145 | Blocked |
| HMR_5146 | Blocked |
| HMR_5147 | Blocked |
| HMR_5148 | Blocked |
| HMR_5149 | Blocked |
| HMR_5150 | Blocked |
| HMR_4188 | Blocked |
| HMR_4842 | Blocked |
| HMR_7704 | Blocked |
| HMR_2437 | Blocked |
| HMR_2438 | Blocked |
| HMR_2443 | Blocked |
| HMR_2444 | Blocked |
| HMR_2445 | Blocked |
| HMR_2446 | Blocked |
| HMR_2447 | Blocked |
| HMR_2448 | Blocked |
| HMR_2449 | Blocked |
| HMR_2450 | Blocked |
| HMR_2461 | Blocked |
| HMR_2462 | Blocked |
| HMR_6397 | Blocked |
| HMR_2581 | Blocked |
| HMR_2583 | Blocked |
| HMR_3445 | Blocked |
| HMR_3460 | Blocked |
| HMR_0941 | Blocked |
| HMR_0988 | Blocked |
| HMR_0989 | Blocked |
| HMR_0990 | Blocked |
| HMR_1030 | Blocked |
| HMR_1045 | Blocked |
| HMR_1053 | Blocked |
| HMR_1079 | Blocked |
| HMR_1160 | Blocked |
| Blocked |  |


| ReactionID | Type | ReactionID | Type |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HMR_1432 | Blocked | HMR_0006 | Blocked |
| HMR_1433 | Blocked | HMR_0019 | Blocked |
| HMR_3992 | Blocked | HMR_4931 | Blocked |
| HMR_4267 | Blocked | HMR_6512 | Blocked |
| HMR_4268 | Blocked | HMR_6991 | Blocked |
| HMR_4279 | Blocked | HMR_7629 | Blocked |
| HMR_7677 | Blocked | HMR_7630 | Blocked |
| HMR_7678 | Blocked | HMR_7631 | Blocked |
| HMR_4499 | Blocked | HMR_7632 | Blocked |
| HMR_6567 | Blocked | HMR_7660 | Blocked |
| HMR_6568 | Blocked | HMR_7798 | Blocked |
| HMR_6573 | Blocked | HMR_7901 | Blocked |
| HMR_6574 | Blocked | HMR_7903 | Blocked |
| HMR_6575 | Blocked | HMR_8687 | Blocked |
| HMR_6580 | Blocked | HMR_8720 | Blocked |
| HMR_6584 | Blocked | HMR_8923 | Blocked |
| HMR_6588 | Blocked | HMR_8929 | Blocked |
| HMR_6589 | Blocked | HMR_9180 | Blocked |
| HMR_8799 | Blocked | HMR_9182 | Blocked |
| HMR_8800 | Blocked | HMR_9196 | Blocked |
| HMR_8803 | Blocked | HMR_9639 | Blocked |
| HMR_8804 | Blocked | HMR_9015 | Blocked |
| HMR_8805 | Blocked | HMR_9019 | Blocked |
| HMR_8818 | Blocked | HMR_9020 | Blocked |
| HMR_8825 | Blocked | HMR_1173 | Blocked |
| HMR_8827 | Blocked | HMR_2590 | Blocked |
| HMR_7145 | Blocked | HMR_3921 | Blocked |
| HMR_7146 | Blocked | HMR_4266 | Blocked |
| HMR_7147 | Blocked | HMR_4684 | Blocked |
| HMR_6394 | Blocked | HMR_5022 | Blocked |
| HMR_6405 | Blocked | HMR_5036 | Blocked |
| HMR_8349 | Blocked | HMR_5112 | Blocked |
| HMR_8621 | Blocked | HMR_5117 | Blocked |
| HMR_8622 | Blocked | HMR_6408 | Blocked |
| HMR_8623 | Blocked | HMR_6455 | Blocked |
| HMR_8624 | Blocked | HMR_6513 | Blocked |
| HMR_8625 | Blocked | HMR_7723 | Blocked |
| HMR_4763 | Blocked | HMR_7757 | Blocked |
| HMR_4764 | Blocked | HMR_7760 | Blocked |
| HMR_4768 | Blocked | HMR_7897 | Blocked |
| HMR_4769 | Blocked | HMR_7899 | Blocked |


| ReactionID | Type | ReactionID | Type | ReactionID | Type | ReactionID | Type |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MR_6961 | Blocked | HMR_1164 | Blocked | HMR_8634 | Blocked | HMR_8528 | Blocked |
| HMR_6962 | Blocked | HMR_1166 | Blocked | HMR_9717 | Blocked | HMR_8562 | Blocked |
| HMR_6963 | Blocked | HMR_1168 | Blocked | HMR_6635 | Blocked | HMR_8785 | Blocked |
| MR_6964 | Blocked | HMR_1170 | Blocked | HMR_6636 | Blocked | HMR_8910 | Blocked |
| RR_6965 | Blocked | HMR_1171 | Blocked | HMR_6637 | Blocked | HMR_9676 | Blocked |
| HMR_6966 | Blocked | HMR_1302 | Blocked | HMR_6639 | Blocked | HMR_0707 | Blocked |
| MR_6967 | Blocked | HMR_3009 | Blocked | HMR_6640 | Blocked | HMR_1172 | Blocked |
| HMR_6973 | Blocked | HMR_0159 | Blocked | HMR_6663 | Blocked | HMR_3026 | Blocked |
| HMR_8416 | Blocked | HMR_3032 | Blocked | HMR_6666 | Blocked | HMR_3948 | Blocked |
| HMR_8425 | Blocked | HMR_8419 | Blocked | HMR_6667 | Blocked | HMR_6928 | Blocked |
| HMR_8603 | Blocked | HMR_0160 | Blocked | HMR_6670 | Blocked | HMR_6937 | Blocked |
| HMR_8604 | Blocked | HMR_0161 | Blocked | HMR_6671 | Blocked | HMR_8422 | Blocked |
| HMR_8605 | Blocked | HMR_2778 | Blocked | HMR_6681 | Blocked | HMR_9179 | Blocked |
| HMR_8608 | Blocked | HMR_2780 | Blocked | HMR_6683 | Blocked | HMR_9181 | Blocked |
| HMR_3750 | Blocked | HMR_2783 | Blocked | HMR_6684 | Blocked | HMR_9017 | Blocked |
| HMR_3771 | Blocked | HMR_2785 | Blocked | HMR_6685 | Blocked | HMR_4538 | Blocked |
| HMR_3772 | Blocked | HMR_0001 | Blocked | HMR_6686 | Blocked | HMR_7765 | Blocked |
| HMR_3782 | Blocked | HMR_3491 | Blocked | HMR_6694 | Blocked | HMR_7767 | Blocked |
| HMR_3794 | Blocked | HMR_3493 | Blocked | HMR_6695 | Blocked | HMR_7861 | Blocked |
| HMR_4199 | Blocked | HMR_9722 | Blocked | HMR_6697 | Blocked | HMR_7862 | Blocked |
| HMR_4466 | Blocked | HMR_1931 | Blocked | HMR_6699 | Blocked | HMR_8840 | Blocked |
| HMR_4937 | Blocked | HMR_1932 | Blocked | HMR_6704 | Blocked | HMR_8638 | Blocked |
| HMR_4426 | Blocked | HMR_1933 | Blocked | HMR_6705 | Blocked | HMR_8642 | Blocked |
| HMR_5336 | Blocked | HMR_1934 | Blocked | HMR_8703 | Blocked | HMR_4314 | Blocked |
| HMR_5337 | Blocked | HMR_1935 | Blocke | HMR_8704 | Blocked | HMR_9016 | Blocked |
| HMR_5340 | Blocked | HMR_1942 | Blocke | HMR_8706 | Blocked | HMR_9018 | Blocked |
| HMR_8783 | Blocked | HMR_1943 | Blocked | HMR_8712 | Blocked | HMR_0929 | Blocked |
| HMR_8784 | Blocked | HMR_1950 | Blocked | HMR_4546 | Blocked | HMR_2040 | Blocked |
| HMR_8786 | Blocked | HMR_1951 | Blocked | HMR_4547 | Blocked | HMR_4903 | Blocked |
| HMR_4241 | Blocked | HMR_6793 | Blocked | HMR_4548 | Blocked | HMR_4907 | Blocked |
| HMR_8563 | Blocked | HMR_6794 | Blocked | HMR_4549 | Blocked | HMR_5048 | Blocked |
| HMR_8566 | Blocked | HMR_1978 | Blocked | HMR_4550 | Blocked | HMR_5049 | Blocked |
| HMR_4685 | Blocked | HMR_2020 | Blocked | HMR_4551 | Blocked | HMR_5050 | Blocked |
| HMR_4687 | Blocked | HMR_2022 | Blocked | HMR_4552 | Blocked | HMR_5051 | Blocked |
| HMR_4702 | Blocked | HMR_2024 | Blocked | HMR_4553 | Blocked | HMR_5052 | Blocked |
| HMR_4703 | Blocked | HMR_2050 | Blocked | HMR_4554 | Blocked | HMR_5053 | Blocked |
| HMR_4704 | Blocked | HMR_2056 | Blocked | HMR_4555 | Blocked | HMR_5054 | Blocked |
| HMR_8630 | Blocked | HMR_2062 | Blocked | HMR_4556 | Blocked | HMR_5055 | Blocked |
| HMR_6924 | Blocked | HMR_2077 | Blocked | HMR_4557 | Blocked | HMR_5056 | Blocked |
| HMR_6925 | Blocked | HMR_3702 | Blocked | HMR_4561 | Blocked | HMR_5057 | Blocked |
| HMR_6926 | Blocked | HMR_3730 | Blocked | HMR_4563 | Blocked | HMR_5058 | Blocked |


| ReactionID | Type |
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| HMR_6927 | Blocked |
| HMR_3743 | Blocked |
| HMR_4227 | Blocked |
| HMR_4232 | Blocked |
| HMR_4248 | Blocked |
| HMR_6707 | Blocked |
| HMR_6708 | Blocked |
| HMR_6709 | Blocked |
| HMR_6710 | Blocked |
| HMR_6711 | Blocked |
| HMR_6712 | Blocked |
| HMR_6713 | Blocked |
| HMR_6714 | Blocked |
| HMR_6715 | Blocked |
| HMR_6722 | Blocked |
| HMR_6723 | Blocked |
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| HMR_6759 | Blocked |
| HMR_6771 | Blocked |
| HMR_6788 | Blocked |
| HMR_6792 | Blocked |
| HMR_6798 | Blocked |
| HMR_6799 | Blocked |
| HMR_6800 | Blocked |
| Blocked |  |
| HMM |  |


| ReactionID | Type |
| :--- | :---: |
| HMR_3731 | Blocked |
| HMR_3742 | Blocked |
| HMR_0715 | Blocked |
| HMR_0716 | Blocked |
| HMR_0733 | Blocked |
| HMR_8237 | Blocked |
| HMR_0463 | Blocked |
| HMR_0484 | Blocked |
| HMR_0613 | Blocked |
| HMR_8423 | Blocked |
| HMR_0840 | Blocked |
| HMR_0856 | Blocked |
| HMR_0857 | Blocked |
| HMR_0858 | Blocked |
| HMR_0928 | Blocked |
| HMR_0813 | Blocked |
| HMR_0861 | Blocked |
| HMR_0862 | Blocked |
| HMR_0863 | Blocked |
| HMR_0871 | Blocked |
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| HMR_0880 | Blocked |
| HMR_0881 | Blocked |
| HMR_0882 | Blocked |
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| HMR_0896 | Blocked |
| HMR_0897 | Blocked |
| HMR_0790 | Blocked |
| HMR_0792 | Blocked |
| HMR_0834 | Blocked |
| HMR_0915 | Blocked |
| HMR_0921 | Blocked |
| HMR_1996 | Blocked |
| HMR_1320 | Blocked |
| HMR_1335 | Blocked |
| HMR_1346 | Blocked |
| HMR_1352 | Blocked |
| HMR_1355 | Blocked |
| HMR_1356 | Blocked |
| HMR_1357 | Blocked |
| Blocked |  |


| ReactionID | Type | ReactionID | Type |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| HMR_4564 | Blocked | HMR_5059 | Blocked |
| HMR_8746 | Blocked | HMR_5060 | Blocked |
| HMR_8003 | Blocked | HMR_5061 | Blocked |
| HMR_8004 | Blocked | HMR_5062 | Blocked |
| HMR_8005 | Blocked | HMR_5063 | Blocked |
| HMR_8012 | Blocked | HMR_5064 | Blocked |
| HMR_8013 | Blocked | HMR_5065 | Blocked |
| HMR_6423 | Blocked | HMR_5066 | Blocked |
| HMR_6456 | Blocked | HMR_7252 | Blocked |
| HMR_6457 | Blocked | HMR_7430 | Blocked |
| HMR_6458 | Blocked | HMR_7710 | Blocked |
| HMR_6459 | Blocked | HMR_8355 | Blocked |
| HMR_6460 | Blocked | HMR_8490 | Blocked |
| HMR_6461 | Blocked | HMR_8491 | Blocked |
| HMR_6499 | Blocked | HMR_8492 | Blocked |
| HMR_6500 | Blocked | HMR_8688 | Blocked |
| HMR_6501 | Blocked | HMR_8875 | Blocked |
| HMR_7051 | Blocked | HMR_8928 | Blocked |
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| HMR_7092 | Blocked | HMR_0652 | Blocked |
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| HMR_7095 | Blocked | HMR_4125 | Blocked |
| HMR_7096 | Blocked | HMR_4902 | Blocked |
| HMR_7097 | Blocked | HMR_6577 | Blocked |
| HMR_7098 | Blocked | HMR_6578 | Blocked |
| HMR_6535 | Blocked | HMR_7204 | Blocked |
| HMR_6536 | Blocked | HMR_7435 | Blocked |
| HMR_5127 | Blocked | HMR_7694 | Blocked |
| HMR_5128 | Blocked | HMR_7695 | Blocked |
| HMR_7741 | Blocked | HMR_7759 | Blocked |
| HMR_9464 | Blocked | HMR_7761 | Blocked |
| HMR_9465 | Blocked | HMR_8496 | Blocked |
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| HMR_9468 | Blocked | HMR_8856 | Blocked |
| HMR | Blocked | HMR_8857 | Blocked |
| HMR | Blocked | HMR_8920 | Blocked |
| Hlocked | HMR_9199 | Blocked |  |
| HMlocked | HMR_4313 | Blocked |  |
| HMR_1306 | Blocked |  |  |


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| HMR_6815 | Blocked | HMR_0706 | Blocked | HMR_9482 | Blocked | HMR_8921 | Blocked |
| HMR_6817 | Blocked | HMR_0708 | Blocked | HMR_9483 | Blocked | HMR_9200 | Blocked |
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| HMR_6835 | Blocked | HMR_7518 | Blocked | HMR_9510 | Blocked | HMR_9162 | Blocked |

Table A.23: Revised GPRs implemented in the model.
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TABLE A.24. Model constraints for uptake reaction fluxes, which were implemented after manual literature revision of metabolites pointed out by the comparative study of gene essentiality. The MetaboliteID indicates the metabolite in the model for which the flux of the uptake reaction was constraint. The constraints are shown with the lower and the upper bounds in brackets. An uptake and transport reaction was added to the model in case it did not already exist. Note that HDL remnant is a composition of diverse lipids including cholesterols, cholesterol esters, phosphatidylcholines, phosphatidylserines, phosphatidylethanolamines and sphingomyelins.

| Metabolite | MetaboliteID | Constraints <br> from <br> Jain et al. | Constraints | Literature evidence |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| cysteine | m01628 | - | $[0,0.01]$ | Arriza et al. 1993 |
| L-cystine | $m 01629$ | - | $[0,0.08645]$ | Sato et al. 1999 |
| i-Inositol | $m 02171$ | - | $[0,0.1]$ | Schneider 2015 |
| protoheme | $m 02049$ | - | $[0,0.1]$ | Anwar and Quigley 2011 |
| L-carnitine | $m 02348$ | $[0,0.000780]$ | $[0,0.01]$ | Longo et al. 2006 |
| proline | $m 02770$ | $[0,0.011940]$ | $[0,0.038]$ | Takanaga et al. 2005 |
| vitamin A derivatives | $m 03139$ | - | $[0,0.01]$ | Kawaguchi et al. 2015 |
| vitamin D derivatives | $m 03140$ | - | $[0,0.01]$ | Rowling et al. 2006 |
| vitamin E derivatives | $m 03143$ | - | $[0,0.01]$ | Saito et al. 2004 |
| cholesterol | $m 01450$ | - | $[0,0.1]$ | Röhrl and Stangl 2013; |
|  |  |  | $[0,0.1]$ | Murakami et al. 1990 |
| ubiquinone | $m 03103$ | - | $[0,0.1]$ | Fernández-Ayala et al. 2005 |
| tetrahydrobiopterin | $m 02978$ | - | $[0,0.1]$ | Jinamoto et al. 2017 1996 |
| FAD+ | $m 01802$ | - | $[0,0.1]$ | Brown and Rader 2009 |
| HDL remnant | $m 02047$ | - |  |  |

Table A.25: Enriched GO Terms sorted by category of differentially down regulated genes (padj < 0.01 ) comparing the tumor samples with NI and WT controls.

| Term ID | Description | Occurrences |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| GO:0042254 | ribosome biogenesis | 43 |
| GO:0046483 | heterocycle metabolic process | 25 |
| GO:0034502 | protein localization to chromosome | 16 |
| GO:0090304 | nucleic acid metabolic process | 16 |
| GO:0048856 | anatomical structure development | 7 |
| GO:0010467 | gene expression | 7 |
| GO:0001503 | ossification | 7 |
| GO:0007165 | signal transduction | 6 |
| GO:1904874 | positive regulation of telomerase RNA localization to Cajal body | 6 |
| GO:0034641 | cellular nitrogen compound metabolic process | 6 |
| GO:0016477 | cell migration | 5 |
| GO:1901135 | carbohydrate derivative metabolic process | 5 |
| GO:0009081 | branched-chain amino acid metabolic process | 5 |
| GO:0043062 | extracellular structure organization | 3 |
| GO:0000278 | mitotic cell cycle | 2 |
| GO:0007155 | cell adhesion | 1 |
| GO:1904666 | regulation of ubiquitin protein ligase activity | 1 |
| GO:0090287 | regulation of cellular response to growth factor stimulus | 1 |
| GO:0006725 | cellular aromatic compound metabolic process | 1 |
| GO:1901360 | organic cyclic compound metabolic process | 1 |

Table A.26: Enriched GO Terms sorted by category of differentially down regulated genes (padj < 0.01 ) comparing the regressed samples with NI and WT controls.
Term ID
GO:1903047
Descriptionmitotic cell cycle process
Occurrences
GO:0009190 cyclic nucleotide biosynthetic process ..... 1751
GO:0048285 organelle fission ..... 17
GO:0007399 nervous system development ..... 14
GO:0007267 cell-cell signaling ..... 12
GO:0030334 regulation of cell migration ..... 8
GO:0048856 anatomical structure development ..... 7
GO:0072358 cardiovascular system development ..... 5
GO:0030154 cell differentiation ..... 4
GO:0007155 cell adhesion ..... 3
GO:0007165 signal transduction ..... 3
GO:0090304 nucleic acid metabolic process ..... 3
GO:0043062 extracellular structure organization ..... 2
GO:0006939 smooth muscle contraction ..... 2
GO:0071840 cellular component organization or biogenesis ..... 1
GO:0006928 movement of cell or subcellular component ..... 1
GO:0007017 microtubule-based process ..... 1
GO:0071467 cellular response to pH ..... 1
GO:0072006 nephron development
GO:0042474 middle ear morphogenesis ..... 1
GO:0001503 ossification ..... 1

Table A.27: Targeted GCMS metabolomics analysis of extracellular metabolites from In vitro cultures.


Table A.28: Targeted GCMS metabolomics analysis of intracellular metabolites from In vitro cultures.



TABLE A.29. Significant reporter metabolites from the comparison of tumor cells with healthy cells. The table depicts a shortened version of the full list of reporter metabolites. Only reporter metabolites with an adjusted p-value $<0.01$ are shown. The total number of genes annotated to a respective metabolite is displayed (\#Genes annotated) and out of this the number of genes, which are higher (\#Genes up) or lower (\#Genes down) in the tumor cells than in the control cells. The different types of $p$-values are extensively reviewed in the vignette of the piano toolbox (https://bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/vignettes/piano/inst/doc/pianovignette.pdf).
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TABLE A.30. Significant reporter metabolites from the comparison of regressed cells with healthy cells. The table depicts a shortened version of the full list of reporter metabolites. Only reporter metabolites with an adjusted p-value $<0.01$ are shown. The total number of genes annotated to a respective metabolite is displayed (\#Genes annotated) and out of this the number of genes, which are higher (\#Genes up) or lower (\#Genes down) in the regressed cells than in the control cells. The different types of $p$-values are extensively reviewed in the vignette of the piano toolbox (https://bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/vignettes/piano/inst/doc/pianovignette.pdf).








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Table A．31．Flux Predictions，regressed vs control．

|  | s |  | $969{ }^{\text {c }} 0$ | $969{ }^{\text {c }}$ | LZL8 ${ }^{-}$ywh |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | x | ［s］！yyv＜＝＞［x］¢yV | L89 ${ }^{\circ}{ }^{-}$ | Lヵ9 ${ }^{\text {0－}}$ | $6976{ }^{-}$บNH |
|  | s |  | L89＇0 | Lヵ9 0 | $88_{09}{ }^{-}$צNH |
|  | u | $[\mathrm{w}]!\mathrm{d}+[\mathrm{w}]+\mathrm{H}<=>[0]!\mathrm{d}+[0]+\mathrm{H}$ | 8\＆｀ | 8 $\chi^{\text {¢ }}$ | £п09 $9^{-}$¢NH |
|  | x | ［s］OZH $<=>$［x］OZH | L08 ${ }^{\circ}{ }^{-}$ | LIT「0－ | $\angle \ddagger 06^{-}$¢ ${ }^{\text {¢ }}$ |
|  | s | ［s］OZH＜＝＞［ ${ }^{\text {c }} \mathrm{O}$ \％H | 891＇0 | \＆LZ＇0 | 9885 ${ }^{-}$yWH |
|  | $\bigcirc$ |  | $798^{\text {c }}$ | 0 | 888\％${ }^{-}$पWH |
|  | u |  | $99^{\prime} 7$ | $89^{\prime} 7$ | $8789^{-}$¢NH |
|  | 8 | ［8］${ }^{8}$ ди！$\rho$ очгоч <br> ［8］әи！！очэоч | LZI＇0－ | 0 | Eゅ78 ${ }^{-}$¢NH |
|  | 8 | $<=[8]$ lood $\mathrm{NS}+\left[{ }^{8}\right] \mathrm{O} 7 \mathrm{H}$ | LZI＇0 | 0 | 7ヵて8 ${ }^{-}$บNH |
| smqexedde tosioy＇fodsuexL | 8 |  | LZI＇0 | 0 | 7685 ${ }^{\text {－}}$ \％NH |
|  | 8 | ［8］Iood JS＜＝＞［0］Iood WS <br>  | 0 | 8EI＇0－ | 亡ъ\％8 ${ }^{-}$¢NH |
| us！ | $\bigcirc$ | ＜＝［0］［ood WS＋［0］O7H | 0 | 8\％I＇0 | 9620 ${ }^{-}$yNH |
| smqexedde | 8 |  | 0 | 86I＇0 | IELO ${ }^{-}$YWH |
|  | $\bigcirc$ |  | ¢L9 ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | てヶ9 ${ }^{\text {¢ }}$ | $6928{ }^{-}$yNH |
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|  | u |  | z8\％${ }^{6}$ | $6870{ }^{\circ}$ | 8ஏ88 ${ }^{-}$yNH |
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|  | u |  | 288＇0－ | 6850＇0－ |  |
|  | u |  | ๖¢ $\square^{-}$ | \％＇${ }^{\text {－}}$ | 888\％${ }^{-}$¢NH |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | u |  <br>  | 80L＇0 | $616{ }^{6}$ |  |
|  | u |  <br>  | LE＇L | 90 ＇L | ƏI98 ${ }^{-} \mathrm{yWH}$ |
|  | $\bigcirc$ |  | 80＇L | $67^{\prime}$ L | LI68 ${ }^{-}$yNH |
|  | u |  | 9゙じ0 | 697\％ 0 | 9767 ${ }^{-}$yNH |
|  | $\bigcirc$ |  <br>  | 0 | ¢88 $0^{\prime}{ }^{-}$ | \％IS8 ${ }^{-}$¢NH |
|  | u |  | 0 | ¥87＇0 | $6988^{-}$y ${ }^{-1}$ |
|  | u |  | 0 | LLも「0 | $6 \pm 68^{-}$¢NH |
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|  | u |  | $9{ }^{\text {c }} 0$ | ZL6 ${ }^{0}$ |  |
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Table A.32. List of plasmids.

| name | description | source |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| pSP-GM1 | $2 \mu ;$ Ptef1-Ppgk; AmpR/KI.URA3 | Partow et al., 2010 |
| pcfb2223 | Integrative X3; USER cassette; AmpR/KanMx | Stovicek et al., 2015a |
| pCfB2195 | Integrative XI3; USER cassette; AmpR/KanMx | Stovicek et al., 2015a |
| pCfB2311 | $2 \mu ;$ Template for gRNA plasmids; AmpR/NatMX | Stovicek et al., 2015b |
| pCfB2312 | CEN/ARS; Ptef1-Cas9; AmpR/KanMX | Stovicek et al., 2015b |
| pTAJAK71 | $2 \mu ;$ USER cassette; AmpR/NatMX | Jakociunas et al. 2015 |
| pTS1 | X3::TEF1::nox; AmpR/KanMX | This study |
| pTS53 | $2 \mu ;$ gRNA-gut1_1; AmpR/KanMX | This study |
| PTS54 | $2 \mu ;$ gRNA-hog1_1; AmpR/KanMX | This study |
| pTS56 | $2 \mu ;$ gRNA-kgd1; AmpR/KanMX | This study |
| pTS58 | $2 \mu ;$ gRNA-gut1_3; AmpR/KanMX | This study |
| pTS59 | $2 \mu ;$ gRNA-hog1_2; AmpR/KanMX | This study |
| pTS61 | $2 \mu ;$ gRNA-pbs2; AmpR/KanMX | This study |
| pTS63 | $2 \mu ;$ gRNA-tea1; AmpR/KanMX | This study |
| pTS64 | $2 \mu ;$ gRNA-ppz2; AmpR/KanMX | This study |
| pTS66 | $2 \mu ;$ gRNA-gut1_2; AmpR/KanMX | This study |
| pTS68 | $2 \mu ;$ gRNA-ino80; AmpR/KanMX | This study |
| pTS70 | $2 \mu ;$ gRNA-ubc13; AmpR/KanMX | This study |
| pTS71 | $2 \mu ;$ gRNA-cym1; AmpR/KanMX | This study |
| pTS72 | $2 \mu ;$ gRNA-ret1; AmpR/KanMX | This study |
| pTS74 | $2 \mu ;$ gRNA-ymr206w; AmpR/KanMX | This study |
| pTS81 | $2 \mu ;$ gRNA-gut1-kgd1-ino80; AmpR/KanMX | This study |
| pTS83 | $2 \mu ;$ gRNA-gut1-kgd1-ubc13; AmpR/KanMX | This study |

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[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ encodes a glycerol kinase
    2 e.g. food applications

[^2]:    ${ }^{3}$ i.e., exponential growth rate, biomass yield, stationary phase fitness, or lag phase duration
    4 including the growth phase of the passages
    5 only in serially passaged batch cultures

[^3]:    ${ }^{6}$ which help yeast assimilate glycerol but also provide carbon
    7 up to 80 generations, manual transfers during late stationary growth phase
    $8>300$ generations, automated transfers during early exponential growth phase

[^4]:    9 selection guided by the comparative genomic analysis

[^5]:    10 i.e., promoters, open reading frames (ORFs) and terminators

[^6]:    11 mixing from 100:0 to 0:100

[^7]:    12 green color intensity, G-value
    13 minimum of 10 data points

[^8]:    14 removing adapters

[^9]:    15 false discovery rates (FDRs)

[^10]:    16 automated transfer at early exponential phase
    17 mode-I, stationary phase transfers

[^11]:    18 haploid

[^12]:    19 including 12 non-synonymous mutations in coding regions
    20 not a 2:2 segregation

[^13]:    21 no growth on ethanol
    22 citrate synthase, an initial TCA cycle enzyme
    23 2-hydroxyglutarate transhydrogenase, acting on the $\operatorname{Kgd} 1$ substrate $\alpha$-ketoglutarate

[^14]:    24 in succinate semialdehyde dehydrogenase reaction
    25 in $\alpha$-ketoglutarate dehydrogenase reaction
    26 i.e. used for L-glutamate degradation
    ${ }^{27}$ possibly favored by different genetic backgrounds

[^15]:    ${ }^{1} \mathrm{https}: / /$ www.ensembl.org/Homo_sapiens/Info/Annotation
    $2 \mathrm{https}: / /$ reactome.org/about/statistics

[^16]:    ${ }^{3} \mathrm{http}$ ://equilibrator.weizmann.ac.il

[^17]:    ${ }^{4} \mathrm{http}$ ://equilibrator.weizmann.ac.il

[^18]:    5 www.genecards.org and https://www.uniprot.org

[^19]:    ${ }^{1}$ basic unit of the mammary gland

[^20]:    ${ }^{2}$ including breast cancer
    ${ }^{3}$ The estimate for human metabolic genes is taken from the genes annotated to the revised human GMM, Chapter III

[^21]:    ${ }^{4}$ which is expected since the activation of HIF-1 $\alpha$ works through the stabilization of the protein
    5 a regulatory gene, which inhibits PDH and thereby prevents pyruvate from entering the TCA cycle and oxidative phosphorylation

[^22]:    ${ }^{6}$ Oncogenic c-MYC transcript levels are 10.6 times higher than in mouse healthy controls (Figure A.17)
    7 for instance the uptake and secretion of metabolites exhibits an additional regulation of metabolite homeostasis

[^23]:    8 gene set analysis of genes as keys and metabolites as values

